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## AUSTRIAN PLEBISCITE ANGERS BERLIN

### MOVE THOUGHT DIRECTED AGAINST NAZIS

### Little Likelihood Of Defeat of Schuschnigg On Independence Issue

Berlin, Mar. 10. Considerably irritated by the turn of events, the Nazi party and Government circles plainly regard Sunday's Austrian plebiscite as an anti-Nazi manoeuvre.—United Press.

Vienna, Mar. 10. Both the Austrian Nazis and the Fatherland Front supporters are convinced that the plebiscite on Sunday will result in a decisive majority for Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, the Chancellor even if the Nazis voted "No" to the question whether they back the government independence policy.

The Nazi provincial centres have telegraphed President Miklas and Herr Seyss-Inquart protesting that the plebiscite is unconstitutional.

Herr Seyss-Inquart and Dr. von Schuschnigg were engaged in negotiations to-day which were stated to be partly political and partly economic. It is believed that Herr Seyss-Inquart's hand in this connection has been greatly strengthened by the arrival from Berlin of Herr Keppler, Secretary of State and Herr Hitler's economic adviser, who is believed to have brought a message from Herr Hitler.

It is understood Herr Seyss-Inquart told Dr. von Schuschnigg that he could not tolerate "Bolshevism of the Fatherland Front", when referring to the Government negotiations for the support of the workers, and Herr Hitler was of the same mind. It is suggested that the Nazis are demanding other Government positions, and considerable pressure is being brought to bear on this.

Meanwhile, instructions have been issued to the Nazis to abstain from voting on Sunday, with the rider: "Unless a contrary order is given on Saturday evening."

It is generally believed that the demands made by Herr Seyss-Inquart to Dr. von Schuschnigg included, firstly, the postponement of the plebiscite to give time for a Nazi propaganda campaign; secondly two more Cabinet posts to be given to the Nazis.

Herr Keppler is understood to have pressed for acceptance of Germany's scheme for economic co-operation with Austria, involving an extensive plan of barter of Austrian agricultural products for German armaments, and a substantial diversion of Austrian raw materials to Germany. The Austrians have hitherto resisted this demand.—Reuter.

#### RUMOURS OF PUTSCH

Berlin, Mar. 10. According to an unconfirmed report from Rome, because of the Austrian independence issue, Hitler possibly will not visit Signor Mussolini in May, but official quarters in Berlin brand the report as ridiculous. A Vienna message says that heavy cordons of police are stationed at all approaches to the Chancellery, which has given rise to rumours that a putsch is feared.—United Press.

#### VIENNA DISTURBANCES

Vienna, Mar. 10. One hundred foreigners were left marooned in shops when the police closed the Kernerstrasse, main shopping street in Vienna, during rioting. They used rubber black-jacks to disperse the Nazi demonstrators.—United Press.

### INSURGENT TROOPS ATTACK

Madrid, Mar. 10. Brilliant spring sunshine, which is melting the snows, has brought a fire-up in the Guadarrama mountains, and Government forces admit that the insurgents captured two passes and a 7,000 foot peak, 15 miles east of Segovia. It is believed the object of the sudden insurgent attack was to prevent the Loyalists from using the mountain passes for an attack on Madrid.—Reuter.

### JAPANESE ACROSS YELLOW RIVER

#### Chinese Aircraft Raid Nanking

Shanghai, Mar. 11. The Japanese officially claim that two detachments crossed the Yellow River in the northern-most section of Shansi, opposite Huku, at dawn yesterday, and that by the evening they were in possession of two small villages on the far side of the river.

The river at this sector is still frozen, and this is the first Japanese mention of a crossing.—Reuter.

#### CHINESE RAID NANKING

Hankow, Mar. 11. More than 10 Japanese planes are believed to have been destroyed on the ground yesterday when a squadron of Chinese planes staged another raid on the Tachinching airfield outside the Kwangshamen Gate in Nanking.

The Chinese raiders caught the Japanese entirely unprepared. No attempt was made by the Japanese to fly off the 20 planes lined up on the aerodrome, and no anti-aircraft were fired. After emptying their bomb racks, the Chinese raiders piloted their planes back to their base safely. Another squadron of Chinese planes, meanwhile, flew to Pengpu, an important railway town in Anhwei, with the mission of raiding the Japanese aerodrome there. But finding no planes on the aerodrome, they bombed instead a Japanese troop train near Linhai station on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway south of the Hwai River. The damage is yet unknown.—Central News.

### Chewing Gum King Makes Huge Profits

Chicago, Mar. 10. The firm of William Wrigley, Jr., chewing gum manufacturers, made a net profit in 1937 of U.S.\$3,743,691, which is equal to \$4.37 per share after payment of depreciation and taxes.—United Press.

## Too Many Recruits for Britain's New Army

### BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE IN EUROPE DEFINED

But Germany Wants To Talk Of Old Colonies Problem

London, March. 10. It is believed that Lord Halifax in a talk with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, to-day, outlined the attitude of the British Government towards the problems of Central Europe, particularly in Austria and Czechoslovakia.

The main purpose of the talks was to decide on an opportune moment to follow up the earlier contacts between Viscount Halifax, Sir Neville Henderson and Herr Adolf Hitler. It is believed the British Government is no less anxious for a settlement with Germany than with Italy.

The German view, however, is that colonies is the outstanding question between the two countries. Britain maintains that this is a subject in which other countries are concerned, and any discussion of the German colonial claim must be linked with the wider question of European peace.—Reuter.

#### TALKS LAST TWO AND A HALF HOURS

London, March 10. Herr von Ribbentrop returned to the German Embassy from the Foreign Office to-day, the conversations lasting nearly two and a half hours, which was longer than expected. The German Foreign Minister was accompanied by the German Charge d'Affaires.—Reuter Bulletin.

#### RIBBENTROP DISCONCERTED

London, Mar. 10. Herr von Ribbentrop returned to the German Embassy from the Foreign Office amid hisses from the crowd. It is reliably stated that the German Foreign Minister is concerned that his absence from Berlin coincides with the Austrian plebiscite, which according to the Evening Star, "completely surprised him."

The Austrian plebiscite is regarded as being of far more immediate importance than the prospective German talks in London.—United Press.

### Indictment In Whitney Bankruptcy

#### Grand Larceny In First Degree

New York, Mar. 10. Mr. Richard Whitney, senior partner of the stockbroking firm of Whitney and Co., which went into voluntary bankruptcy this week, has been indicted by the New York Grand Jury on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree, based on the alleged misappropriation of between U.S. \$105,000 and \$110,000 from a Trust Account.—Reuter.

Public Prosecutor Dewey to-day started a Grand Jury investigation into the Whitney bankruptcy affair after Mr. Rosenthal, Mr. Whitney's former private secretary, had testified that customers' securities to the value of U.S. \$793,376 were, in January, turned over to the personal control of Mr. Richard Whitney.

Meanwhile the Federal Department attorney is making a separate investigation. He said that any evidence of violation of Federal statutes would be placed before the Federal Grand Jury.—United Press.

### BUDGET DAY APRIL 26

London, Mar. 10. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the budget would be introduced to Parliament on April 26.—Reuter Bulletin.

#### PLOTTERS HATE HIM



This is Colonel Batista, Cuba's "Iron Man," and his wife is with him. Plotters against his strict regime want his life, and there has been a rumour spread lately, indignantly denied by Americans, that the enemies of the dictator are not unpopular with United States interests.

### Reincarnated Dalai Lama Discovered

Chungking, Mar. 11. Reincarnation of the Dalai Lama, in the person of a four-year-old boy, has been discovered in an unnamed place in the Chinghai province on the north-east border of Tibet, according to the Chinese press.

Tibetans are making plans to welcome the new Lama at a cost of £35,000.—Reuter.

### POLICE HUNTING KILLERS

#### Gunman Murders Chinese; Companions Wound Another

The usually quiet surroundings of Bay View district were disturbed early to-day when a man named Hun Kon-wing with a knife wound in his back and a story of murder on his lips, staggered into the Bay View police station. His brother, said Hun, was lying dead on the hillside above the Asiatic Petroleum Company Installation, Bay View district, a victim of a ruthless gang of murderers who had used a revolver.

The Police Station immediately communicated with the Central Station and soon the hillside was a scene of great activity, policemen scouring the neighbourhood. Mr. W. E. Henth, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Crime) Department was at the scene at 1.30 a.m.

Meanwhile Hun Kon-ning had been given emergency treatment and rushed to hospital, and although he could speak he could give no reason why, he and his brother had been attacked by a gang of at least three men.

A police report issued this morning said that five men were walking near the Petroleum Company's Installation when suddenly a shot was fired at them, killing one of the men on the spot. One of the five men, Hun Kon-wing, tried to run away and was followed by three of the attackers who stabbed him in the back. Police investigations are proceeding.

### DUCHESS STRUCK AT BUOY

#### Haruna Maru Hits Warship, Doing Slight Damage

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Haruna Maru, while proceeding slowly through the harbour this morning, collided with H.M.S. Duchess, which was moored at Buoy No. 8, off the Naval Yard.

It was not a heavy impact, and caught the destroyer on her starboard bow. Damage is reported to be very slight, but no details of the mishap are yet available.

The naval authorities laconically announced, which questioned, that the collision occurred at 7.15 a.m., the Duchess suffering slight damage. They were awaiting a full report from the ship at that time.

It was later revealed that the Haruna Maru was steaming from westward just before the accident. She swung between naval buoys 3 and 4, in mid-harbour, dropped her anchor and turned on it. Then, weighing anchor, she apparently came down-tilt and struck Duchess.

It is officially stated that the damage to the warship is only superficial.

### Victory March For Japanese Eyes Only

Shanghai, March 11. Japan's second victory march in the International Settlement was held yesterday in commemoration of Japan's victory over Russia at Mukden 34 years ago. It passed off without incident.

The march was held in the Japanese sector of the International Settlement which was cordoned off, and only Japanese nationals were allowed inside.—Reuter.

#### DR. SCHACHT APPOINTED REICHSBANK PRESIDENT

Berlin, Mar. 10. Herr Adolf Hitler, German Chancellor, has reappointed Dr. Hjalmar Schacht to be President of the Reichsbank for a period of four years.—United Press.

### HALF MILLION MEN AVAILABLE NOW IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY

### Hore Belisha Introducing Far-Reaching Reforms

London, Mar. 10.

More men are trying to join the British army than is required. This was revealed by Mr. Leslie Hore Belisha, War Minister, when introducing the Army Estimates to the House of Commons to-day. He added that they were applying at the rate of nearly 60,000 a year.

At the present time over 500,000 soldiers had been raised in Britain under the voluntary system, and they can be mobilised for action in the various fields of Britain's imperial responsibility. This figure excludes the 150,000 soldiers maintained in the Dominion, the Indian Army which, with reserve, is 170,000 strong, and the many thousands in the local forces of the colonies and protectorates.

"We suffer no difficulties in man-power," continued Mr. Hore Belisha, "but its correct organisation and distribution."

### Japanese To Guarantee Loan Service

London, Mar. 11. It is understood by Reuter that an agreement has been virtually reached in the Anglo-Japanese negotiations whereby the Japanese Government will disburse from the Chinese Customs revenue sufficient funds for the service of foreign loans secured on the Customs.—Reuter.

#### REVISION REQUIRED

Lord Haldane's strategic reserve of fixed division required revision in the light of developments, especially in the strengthening of defence methods. There should be two types of division, the first of which was motorised, based on the light machine gun, and the second a mechanised armoured division, based on the tank. Battalions of the former Division should each possess 50 Bren guns. The object underlying the changes was for an inflexible organisation of the regular forces at home being capable of producing a greater number of divisions better suited to meet the commitments.

#### THREE HELD IN MURDER HUNT

Three men are in custody as a consequence of the police investigations of a murder committed in the Bay View District, near the Asiatic Petroleum Company's Installation, early to-day. One of them is said to have been carrying a revolver and the others knives.

The murdered man, a Chinese, was shot and his brother seriously wounded with a knife.

#### 100,000 CHINESE CASUALTIES

Peking, Mar. 11. Japanese official despatches from Shansi claim that during the operations in the southern half of Shansi in the past month, Chinese casualties were 100,000, while the Japanese added an area of roughly 200 square miles to their possessions.—Reuter.

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Discussing the considerations which impinge on the distribution of the army, Mr. Belisha pointed out that the number of units to be stationed in India is predetermined, and as an essential feature of the distribution was that units at home were interchangeable with units in India, the pace of the re-adaptation of the rest of the British army was influenced by the speed in which the Government of India found itself able to prepare.

Continuing, Mr. Hore Belisha said the duty of defending England against an air attack was entrusted to the Territorials with a total establishment manning 76 batteries and 100 searchlight companies. Twenty-four British battalions were now stationed overseas, excluding India and Burma.

Mr. Hore Belisha asked why, unlike the Navy and the Air Force, should heads alone be counted in the Army, and fire-power and mobility discounted. He proposed measures to alter this. He mentioned the progressive elimination from soldiers' drill of all superfluous routines and superfluous gadgets requiring polish, and that new clothing be adapted for the soldiers' increasingly mechanized function.

A warrant officer to-day surely was capable of commanding a platoon, therefore he proposed to enlarge the complement of warrant officers by the creation of a new class of this soldier, and also to effect a reduction in subalterns, which in turn, would enable officers to rise more rapidly. The Government proposed to experiment with direct enlistment for twelve years with the colours, with certain prospects (subject to suitability) of being re-engaged for a pension. Other financial benefits include four cumulative increments of three pence per day at the end of the first, second, eighth and thirteenth years, in addition to a special 3d. increase for proficiency pay. There would be an increase in family allowances for married men over 25 to 37s. and additional allowances for children. The new rates would take effect on April 30.—Reuter.





1. She keeps them in shape by fitting them on trees

2. She watches her heels — one shoe generally wears down first

3. She stops squeaks by rubbing French chalk along the seams

## Her shoes will wear well

Milk, too, is an excellent polish for patent leather, but white shoe cream that is enriched with linseed oil is good food and simple to apply.

Slightly warm some cream, then mix in half the measure in warmed linseed oil, and store in a jar ready for action. Apply with a soft rag, and polish with extra soft dusters.

Sudden contraction between sole and intersole causes that squeak which haunts us occasionally—usually the aftermath of sitting near the fire with damp shoes. Rub French chalk along the seams daily for a bit, allowing the fine powder to penetrate the seaming, and the skin gradually smooths down in tread.

Evening shoes are many and varied, but metal kid or tinsel brocades are well to the fore. Gold or silver kid must be kept in black tissue wrappings to preserve lustre, but it may be occasionally sponged with small wads of cotton wool dipped in soap-suds and carefully dried.

Conditioning creams containing metal dust are sold for these shoes, which re-surface and feed the leather, too. They are quick to apply and prolong the life of these slippers very considerably.

DRY cleaning is best for tinsel materials, as these can be renovated with fine magnesite powder, which costs a few pence from the chemist. Incidentally, this powder comes in equally well for freshening white fur evening coats, so it earns its keep.

Revive satin shoes by wadding them with tissue paper and brushing lightly with warm soap-suds. Work the way of the grain, then rinse, dry and brush with a clean similar weight satin to renew the gloss. Satin dyes are obtainable for evening shoes, but professional treatment is inexpensive these days, and much surer.

Ann Marvel



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Good service results from regular attention, no matter how wise or well-fitting our choice may be. Suitably dressed leathers stand up to storm and tough wear, but impoverished constitutions rarely resist them for long. Moral—don't overwork your footwear—alternate daily duties between two or more pairs so they have a chance to recuperate. Those in-between treatments, when shoes are off-duty, balance up the account.

Taking good fit and comfort for granted—though these lend poise and confidence beyond reckoning—our first duty is to keep shoes in shape. As they slip off, warm from our feet, fit them into well-made trees. Foot dummies are excellent, but the toe and heel kind are better than nothing. You can pad the toes of light pumps or indoor slippers if there are too few to go round.

Watch heel wear, too, as one foot frequently wears harder than the other, and may need strengthening. HEAT, damp, and strong sunlight are leather's worst enemies, and in addition, shoes frequently have to contend with perspiration acids.

Heat causes shrinkage and cracking; so beware—habitual toe-toasters—and watch shoe storage, too, if it should be near radiators or hot pipes. If you come home with damp shoes, allow them to dry off steadily in a current of air, rather than near artificial heat, which weakens the leather.

If they are very wet wipe them over with a piece of sponge, using Castle soap-suds for mudmarks, then wipe with a cloth and leave to dry thoroughly before brushing and polishing with a good shoe cream. Heavy leathers need stronger "food" from polishes rather than creams, which are more suitable for town "promenade" shoes.

By the way, there is nothing so responsive as a velvet rubber for polishing leather, especially for the more scratchable varieties.

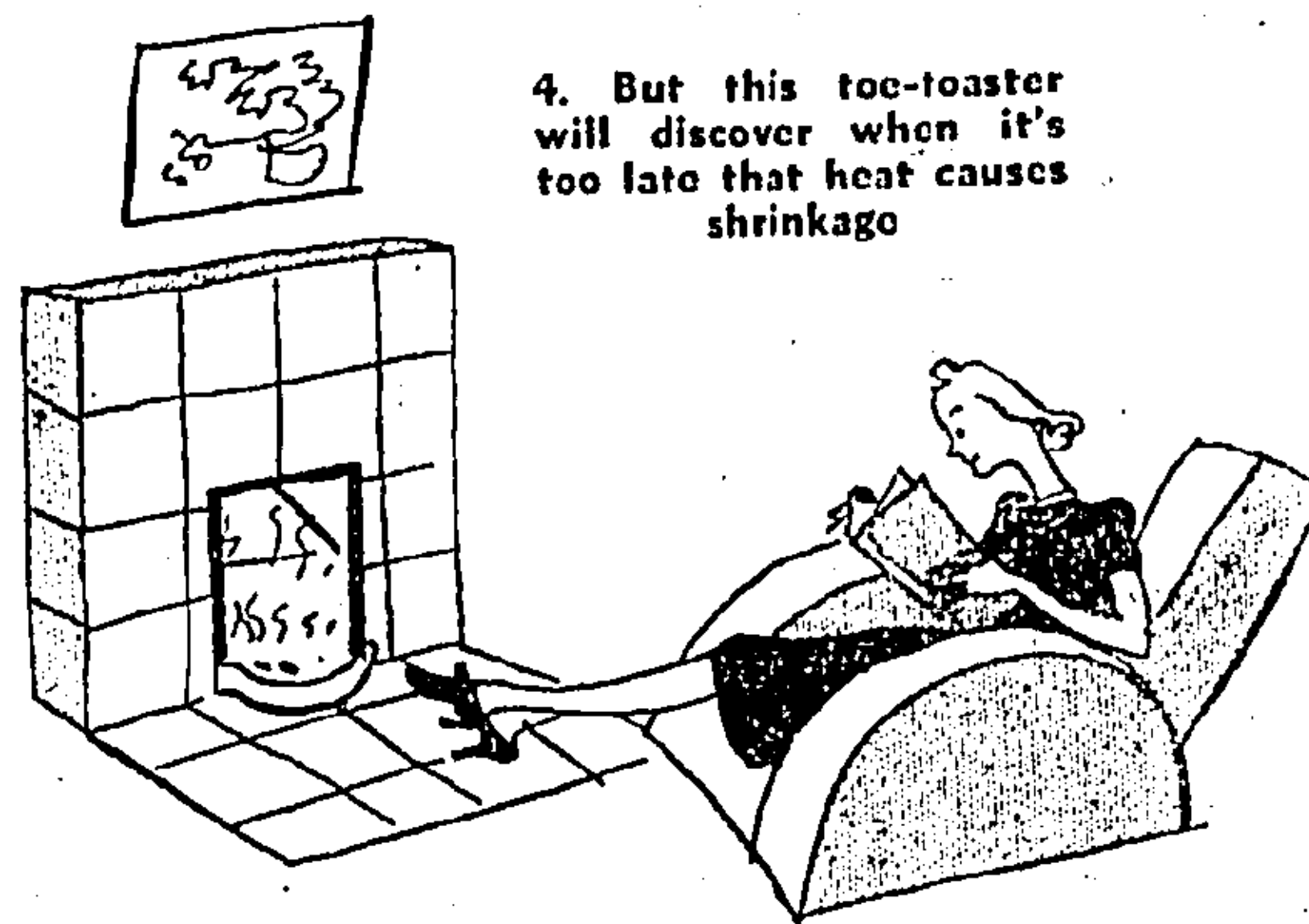
## BIT TO CUT OUT Peppermint Creams

INGREDIENTS: 1lb. icing sugar, white of one egg, a little cream of tartar, peppermint essence. Method: Crush the sugar until quite free from lumps and pass it through a sieve. Add the white of egg, cream of tartar, and a tablespoon of water, and work with a wooden spoon until smooth and pliable. Then add peppermint essence, drop by drop, to taste, turn on to a marble slab dusted with icing sugar, and knead for some minutes. Cover with greaseproof paper and stand for one hour. Roll out to 1/4 in. thick and cut into rounds. Leave for about thirty-six hours to harden.

WATER stains have a way of developing in sodden or badly wetted shoes, that have been insufficiently dried. Warmth from the foot loosens the dye or tanning, and causes patchy stains which are extremely difficult to deal with. Prevention is always more practical than doubtful cure, especially when waterproofing short-circuits the risk of damp.

Country and sports shoes can be waterproofed very easily with special leather dubbin, but light town shoes in kid and finer leather are more of a problem. Those of us out and about in all weathers learn to watch footwear, so I have been treating uppers of my workaday pairs with spirit-bound dressing, which is very easy to apply and highly polishable afterwards. The solvent flows evenly into the wells and stitching, leaving a fine film of protecting grease that hardens for polishing, and only needs renewal once a month.

Suede shoes are warm for brisk, dry days, but they need constant grooming. Keep the nap raised daily with a rubber brush, and if friction marks begin to appear apply a small pad of fine steel wool



4. But this toe-toaster will discover when it's too late that heat causes shrinkage

with rotary motion, and they soon need little maintenance beyond regular creaming. Special cleaners are sold for light skins, because these tend to lose colour and turn a dull brown.

Patent shoes should be given thorough feeding before they are taken into use. Slightly warmed vaseline smeared round the uppers at night protects the varnish, and prevents early cracking. Remove and polish heartily in the morning.

Reptile shoes, though rather less popular, are very hard wearing, and

## FISH for BREAKFAST

BAKED fish. In a buttered dish put alternate layers of fish and stale bread, seasoned with pepper and salt and covered with dots of butter. Moisten with stock made from fish-trimmings boiled with the water which was used for cooking the fish. Make a top layer of dried breadcrumbs. Heat for fifteen minutes in a moderate oven.

HADDOCK steamed in milk in a closed pan is good. Sour milk can be used. Kippers soaked overnight in water, well drained in the morning before cooking, are much juicier and go further than if grilled straight away.

Fritters of mixed fish are easier than fish-cakes. Make a stiff white sauce with cornflour, flake the fish into it, season it well, and leave it to set overnight. Then slice it, egg-and-breadcrumb it, fry it.

FINGER-LENGTHS of raw fish, well-dried, egg, crumbed, and fried in very hot fat go a long way for little money, since the cheap cuts and kinds of fish can be used.

Kedgerie is neglected nowadays. Flaked fish, chopped hard-boiled egg, boiled rice, pepper, salt, a little milk. Only needs heating in the morning. (The rice must be very dry. Specially good with remains of salt haddock.)

## Have you a sore throat?

MANY people just now are complaining about sore throats. These may range from a mild inflammation to severe infection. So it is important to consult your doctor, as an early diagnosis is half the battle in cases of bad infection.

When the tonsils begin to swell, little points of matter exude from the crypts in the tonsils. Your doctor will take a swab of this matter and have it examined under the microscope to ascertain the particular type of infection from which you are suffering.

Diphtheria is quite distinct from other throat germs and the patient has definite symptoms. But sore throats due to streptococcal infections are not always easy to spot. Under the microscope the streptococci look like little straight links in a chain. Some strains of streptococci are more virulent than others and attack the bloodstreams so that the patient may suffer from blood poisoning, a very serious state of affairs indeed.

DISEASES such as scarlet fever, erysipelas or puerperal fever may all be caused by lotte's Hospital with marked success in patients who were gravely ill. Not only in streptococcal sore throats, but in broncho-pneumonia and endocarditis preparations of Doctors and nurses are puzzled. Sulphanilamide have given great relief.

By Family Doctor

Infection in these cases because the strictest cleanliness and all aseptic precautions have been taken. Swabs are taken from the throats of all those in contact with the patient and sometimes the cause of the trouble becomes apparent. A nurse or visitor may be harbouring the streptococci in her throat without feeling ill or out of sorts. She may, however, have had a sore throat for some time previously which did not make her feel ill.

For the past year or two prontosil and similar drugs have been used successfully in the treatment of streptococcal infections, such as chronic discharging sinuses in the bony area of the face. Prontosil or sulphathiazole has been largely used too for haemolytic streptococcal infections in fever after childbirth.

A preparation of sulphathiazole has been employed at Queen Charlotte's Hospital with marked success in patients who were gravely ill. Not only in streptococcal sore throats, but in broncho-pneumonia and endocarditis preparations of Doctors and nurses are puzzled. Sulphanilamide have given great relief.

Another form of treatment is by using serum. This is the watery fluid in the blood. It is used for injecting into patients who are suffering from a form of general blood poisoning due to streptococci.

This special anti-streptococcal serum has been prepared from cultures or growths of the particular disease from which the patient is suffering. It contains powerful antibodies which attack the germs and which increase the sufferer's resistance and give him or her a chance to recover. The serum is injected into the muscles or even into the veins in urgent cases. If given in time, there is usually a dramatic improvement; the whole condition becoming more normal and the temperature dropping.

Milder streptococcal infections leave the victim feeling ill and weak. If the condition is one of simple tonsillitis, gargling the throat with a weak antiseptic, using throat lozenges with discretion and rest in bed will bring about a speedy cure.

Liquid nourishment in the form of eggs, milk and broths are helpful. When the blood is affected, a change of air, rest and suitable medicines are indicated. For skin blemishes due to streptococcal infection, treatment by a metallic colloid injected at regular intervals gives good results.

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# M. P. COPIED HIS LOVE-LETTERS TO WIFE AFTER PARTING

## "Come Back ... My Whole Existence"

A love-letter written by the Hon. Mrs. Cunningham-Reid to her husband, Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid, M.P., and others written by him to his wife after they had parted were read in the Captain's action against his wife in the Chancery Division.

In her letter the wife wrote: "I am looking forward to long glorious years of perfect happiness and understanding."

In his letters the husband said: "Come back to me," and went on to describe his wife as "my best friend and my whole existence." Another letter read: "Give our family life another chance."

Captain Reid said he kept copies of his letters.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

Sir Patrick Hastings, resuming his cross-examination of Captain Cunningham-Reid, referred to a sum of £36,000 which, it was alleged, he had drawn from the joint account to repay him money he had spent on his wife's trousseau and presents.

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Sir Patrick suggested it was untrue that one of the presents so paid for was the suit-case which the husband had said, was wedding present from his wife and cost £1,200.

"I put it to you," counsel said, "that before the marriage, you had given your wife a suit-case as a wedding present and she gave you a similar present, and that both were bought at a shop in Paris."

Captain Cunningham-Reid: Yes. On July 22, 1927, you drew from the joint account £6,000 and at that time nobody had paid for the presents?—That is correct, I think.

I suggest to you that having drawn that £6,000 from moneys provided by your wife for the purpose of a joint account, on August 3 you paid to the shop at which the presents were bought the sum of £1,253 13s. 2d. In other words, from money provided by your wife, you paid not only for her trousseau to you, but for your suitcase to her.

THE DIARY

Captain Cunningham-Reid asked to see the account. He was handed his

### The Case In Brief

Captain Cunningham-Reid claims a declaration that certain deeds executed by his wife settling part of her income on him are binding on her and two companies.

The Hon. Mrs. Cunningham-Reid contends that the deeds are revocable.

The wife, co-heiress with her sister, Lady Louis Mountbatten, to £5,000,000 left by their grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassel, became entitled on her marriage in May, 1927, to an income of between £70,000 and £90,000 a year.

The couple lived together until December 2, 1936. There are two children, born in 1928 and 1930.

"Motor drive, M. very considerate about future financial arrangement to take place of marriage settlement."

That is the first note you made after or during your honeymoon abroad?—No, it is not the first note.

There are several others. Captain Cunningham-Reid read one of May 12, 1927, which said: "M. looking too lovely. May Fair Hotel very pleasant."

"DESPERATELY IN LOVE"

Sir Patrick drew attention to a "passionate love-letter" from Mrs. Cunningham-Reid. He read:

"My beloved one, I am missing you so terribly. I am so desperately in love with you that I want to be with you and at times your absence almost causes a physical hurt."

"That is what I call a passionate love-letter," said Sir Patrick, who read on:

"I am looking forward to long, glorious years of perfect happiness and understanding with you as my husband and comforter and protector."

Is that how you regarded yourself as your wife's protector?—Yes.

"SAVING TAX"

Referring to the formation of Cunningham Securities, Limited, Sir Patrick Hastings asked: "Do you

think your wife had the slightest idea of anything to do with this English company, except that in some way it was to save tax?"

"I don't think she had," was the reply.

How did it benefit your wife to save income tax or surtax?—To increase her income.

Just think. You have sworn that, if your wife was able to save anything out of her income after paying tax and sums required for the establishment, her living and yours, you were to get the balance?—Of the savings.

"HER DESIRE"

How did it benefit your wife to save tax since what was saved on the tax was to be given to you?—That is how it benefited her.

But the only person who benefited out of this scheme was you?—Also my wife, because it was her desire.

Who conceived the idea, Lady Louis Mountbatten and myself together.

How much a year did you benefit over one year?—I can't possibly say without reference to the papers.

How much do you think it was going to represent—fourpence, or £1,000, or £10,000 a year?—We thought very likely it would be about £5,000.

Captain Cunningham-Reid said they did not know what the savings would be until the end of each year, and Sir Patrick asked: "Then what did you mean by drawing £36,000 for yourself before you were married nine months if you didn't know what the savings were?"

Captain Cunningham-Reid explained that if the money had been required it would have been brought back.

Sir Patrick said he wanted to turn to the time when the mandate was under consideration.

"What more advantage could you get by having a mandate, if you could, before that, draw all the savings?" he asked.

"That advantage was much less," Captain Cunningham-Reid replied.

"MY WIFE'S IDEA"

Sir Patrick Hastings: Was your sole object in entering into this transaction I call a mandate to get for yourself, if possible, some arrangement which could not be upset?

No. That was my wife's idea.

Sir Patrick went on to read a solicitor's letter to Captain Cunningham-Reid, which ran:

"You asked me yesterday whether the deed, as now drafted, was absolutely watertight. As far as the deed itself goes, I think there is no doubt it is final and binding, and that you have the benefit of covenants by your wife that can be enforced."

"Are you asking his Lordship to believe," counsel asked, "that was not actually your idea?"—No, it was my wife's idea. She insisted that the deed should be watertight in all circumstances.

Any letters written by your wife on any business matter, I suggest, were never written by her, but by you, in the sense that you told her what to say?—That is a ridiculous contention. She had a very good business head.

### HUSBAND WAS "HEARTBROKEN"

Sir Patrick next referred to Mrs. Cunningham-Reid leaving her husband, and asked Captain Cunningham-Reid: "Were you heartbroken?"

"I was," replied the witness.

Sir Patrick: No thoughts of money in your mind?—I offered to give her everything in the world if she would come back.

You were not concerned about your wife leaving you from a business point of view, but only from an affectionate point of view?—That above everything else, I was very upset and hurt at the suggestion which, apparently, my wife was making as to the way I had conducted our financial affairs.

"A COMPLETE OSTRICH"

Counsel then read a letter written by Captain Cunningham-Reid to his wife:

"Darling, I only got your note late at night, as I had been hours with Barbara. How profitable that time with her would have been if it had occurred before, but now I know what a complete ostrich I have been."

"Do come back to me. You and I have built up so much together that it is worth while that it would be terribly sad to give it all up. I have realised that my attitude on occasions has upset you."

"Mary, come back to me. At the worst, if I have forgotten my lesson, you have your remedy. I can always make you happy, as I believe I have done sometimes in the past."

"You see, sweetie, sitting here at five o'clock in the mornings has brought it home that you are not just my wife but my best friend and my whole existence."

Sir Patrick: Did you keep a copy of that letter?—Yes.

WHY HE KEPT COPY

Why did you keep a copy of a love-letter to your wife?—I wrote it out in draft first.

Captain Cunningham-Reid said he kept a copy of his love-letter because his solicitors told him to do so.

Sir Patrick: I suggest that from this date you proceeded to get down in black and white some corroborated, if you could find it, of your story, and you were planning to get back in correspondence something which would corroborate your story?—That is not so.

Sir Patrick passed to another letter, which read:

"My poor darling, don't I know how ghastly these two weeks have been—the daily pilgrimage to solicitors, where everything is so cold and calculating."

"SELFISHNESS"

Asked if he was making daily pilgrimages to solicitors, Captain Cunningham-Reid said he did go to other solicitors before going to Messrs. Kenneth Brown, Baker, Baker. Counsel read on:

"Mary, believe me any selfishness has been knocked out of me and, of course, you and I love Michael and Neil (the children). I ask you to give our family life another chance."

"Oh God, for the opportunity of taking you off anywhere you wanted and, if it pleased you, we would sell the house and get one you liked where your bedroom would have less noise and more sun."

Sir Patrick: Did you keep a copy of that letter?—Certainly.

Captain Cunningham-Reid explained that he pencilled out drafts of his letter then sent a copy to his wife, and later made another copy from the draft. It would not be correct to say he made his copies at the time.

Sir Patrick Hastings then read a letter which Captain Cunningham-Reid sent to his wife after they separated. It began: "Dear Mary," and passages in it were:

"You may recollect that when your memory in the past has played you false, and I have been able to convince you of your error, you have been the first to laugh over your previous insistence."

"With some of your original insincerity, you have been saying I have got all your money and had induced you to part with a portion of your income."

"Perhaps when I have jogged your memory, you will be generous enough to say 'I take it all back.'"

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The letter recalled the joint income arrangement and pointed out:

"You were naturally anxious to make some provision for me; especially as you yourself had all the money you required."

"So it seemed unfair and untrue to say I have taken all your money, especially in view of the fact that I did not leave you. You left me ..."

"On the very day you left me ... I was buying you for Christmas a remarkable solitaire diamond ring for which I was going to pay between £11,000 and £12,000."

"I never, for one moment, thought that I was not to be with you until the end of my life."

Sir Patrick Hastings: Was that letter written with the sole object of you being able to say, if it became necessary, that you had set out the arrangement in writing before pro-

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July	9.10/17	9.18/18
October	9.10/18	9.19/19
December	9.20/20	9.20/20
January	9.20/20	9.20/20
Spot	9.20/20	9.20/20

New York Rubber		
March	14.52b/00a	14.53/59
May	14.70/70	14.70/70
July	14.83/83	14.81/81
September	15.00/00	15.00/00
December	15.00/00	15.00/00
January	15.00/00	15.00/00

NEW YORK STOCK  
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FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Mar. 10.  
S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of  
yesterday's markets:  
The ticker was motionless for  
several minutes before a late burst  
of selling activity. Trade news is  
somewhat more cheerful in several  
directions, but traders watched  
Washington for indications which  
might affect a general market move-  
ment. The franc touched a new low  
since October 1926. There was some  
new uncertainty on the disclosure  
that the Treasury was preparing to  
submit proposals to replace the re-  
venue-cut due to the elimination of  
the sur-tax on closely-held corpora-  
tions. The brightest spot in the day's  
news was the fact that construction  
awards were 94% above those of last  
week and reached a new high since  
last June. Major attention was paid  
to developments in connection with  
the Whitney case, which, however,  
did not affect the market.  
S. C. & F. New York correspondent  
cables:  
Stocks: The market to-day was  
easier. We still think that purchases  
on dips will yield trading profits,  
although the longer-range outlook  
is uncertain.  
Cotton: Liverpool and Bombay

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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## Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary  
General Meeting of Shareholders  
will be held at the Offices of the  
undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th  
March, 1938, at Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of  
the General Managers, together  
with a statement of Accounts for  
the year ended the 31st December,  
1937.

The Share Register and Trans-  
fer Books will be closed from the  
15th to the 29th March, 1938, both  
days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

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"MARECHAL JOFFRE"  
Bringing Cargo from Marseilles  
via ports etc., arrived Hongkong  
on Monday, 7th March, 1938.

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that their goods with the exception  
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables  
are being landed and stored into the  
godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon  
Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kow-  
loon, whence delivery may be  
obtained immediately after landing.  
All claims must be sent in to me  
on or before 17th March, 1938, or  
they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined  
by the Company's Surveyor  
Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the  
presence of the Consignees at 10.00  
a.m. on Saturday, 12th March, 1938.  
Consignees must have a Revenue  
Officer in attendance when any  
doubtful goods are examined by the  
Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected  
by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

selling outweighed buying, which  
was attributed to the Trade and  
Japanese and French interests,  
against the possibility of franc de-  
valuation. The Comptroller Gen-  
eral's decision against the payment  
of 2 cents per lb. to growers trans-  
ferring loan cotton to the Govern-  
ment is construed as moderately  
bearish and 5 are neutral.  
Wheat: The weakness of the Win-  
nipeg market, slack exports and fur-  
ther scattered rains in the South-  
West tended towards easiness. Out  
of 9 brokers, 3 are bullish and 6 are  
bearish.  
Cotton: The market is featureless,  
but prices are steady.  
Rubber: Leading automobile com-  
panies are reported to be increasing  
their operations to a 4-day basis.  
There was no pressure to sell and  
shipment positions were steady.  
Sugar: The market was very  
quiet and prices were steady.  
Dow Jones Averages Mar. 9 Close  
30 Industrials 125.07 124.71  
20 Rails 27.21 26.36  
20 Utilities 18.80 18.83  
40 Bonds 89.04 88.37  
11 Commodity Index 52.83 52.07

C. 1938-1939  
R.

Sealed Tenders will be received  
at the Royal Naval Hospital, until  
10 a.m. on the 16th March, 1938,  
from persons desirous of supply-  
ing Beef, Mutton, Poultry, Pork,  
Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and  
other provisions and necessities,  
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1939.

Printed Forms of Tender and  
further particulars can be obtain-  
ed at the R. N. Hospital.

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or any tender is reserved.

G. D. G. FERGUSON,

Surgeon Captain,  
Medical Officer in Charge.

Royal Naval Hospital,  
Hong Kong.  
10th March, 1938.

C. 1938-1939  
R.

## PARTICULARS &amp; CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction  
to be held on Monday, the 14th  
day of March, 1938, at 3 p.m.,  
at the Offices of the Public  
Works Department, by Order of  
His Excellency the Governor of  
one lot of Crown Land at  
Repulse Bay, in the Colony of  
Hong Kong, for a term of 75  
years, with the option of  
renewal at a Crown Rent to be  
fixed by the Surveyor of His  
Majesty the KING, for one  
further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised  
that immediately after the dis-  
posal of the lot the Purchaser  
(if not the applicant) will be  
required to deposit with an  
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present at the sale, the sum of  
two hundred dollars, (\$200) in  
cash. This sum will be refund-  
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price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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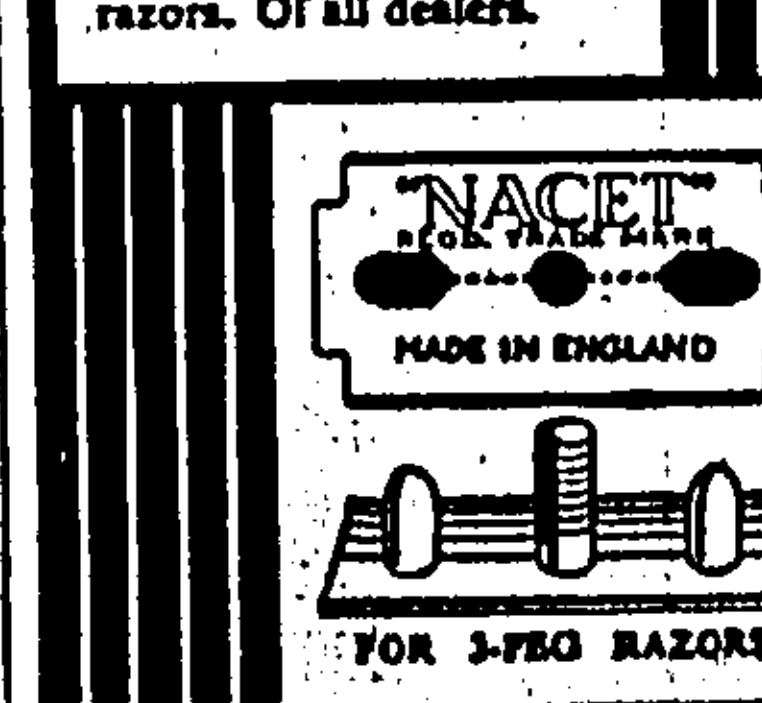
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Of Mediaeval  
St. ThomasFather Byrne Gives  
Interesting Talk

A lecture on St. Thomas Aquinas  
was given by Father Byrne at  
Rosaryhill, yesterday when the  
Dominican Order celebrated the  
Feast Day of the Saint.

Several poems and songs were  
rendered by the friars and their  
pupils, and a discussion was held on  
the thesis *Inimici sunt ex caritate  
diligendi, non quidem qua inimici  
sed qua homines*.

In his talk, which was entitled "A  
Great Mediaeval Thinker," Fr.  
Byrne said:

"And that will settle the  
Manichees!" An unusual shudder  
ran through the King's guests, as  
the King's dinner table shook with  
the unusual rattle caused by one of  
their number thumping it, and hush-  
ing the royal conversation. In the  
absent-minded satisfaction of the  
King, Louis IX of France, say? For  
the King believed in court  
etiquette as is shown by his charge  
that "every one should dress well in  
the manner of his rank that his wife  
may love him."

But who was this man thumping a  
King's table? A rustic strayed into  
court? By no means! The bluest  
blood of the royalty of the day flow-  
ed in his veins. He claimed to be  
barbarous as his granduncle, Frederick  
II, the Wonder of the World, as his  
contemporaries, and the Holy Roman  
Emperor, too. In the Universities of  
Paris and Germany his name was a  
household one. Nor, it would seem,  
was he unknown to Oxford and  
London. If ever there was an inter-  
national man, such a man was  
Thomas Aquinas, the King's table  
because the King had bidden him there.  
He was international in the sense that,  
when the Western World was really  
international in its spiritual outlook  
and, at least ideally, international in  
its imperial aspirations—the Holy  
Roman Empire—he belonged not  
only by his whole soul but by his  
life's achievement to the universal  
spiritual realm, by blood he belonged  
to the other.

He have selected this incident to in-  
troduce to you St. Thomas Aquinas,  
because I consider it a revelation of  
the single purpose of his life. Ap-  
parently the King did, too, for his  
immediate reaction was to order his  
secretaries to hasten to the absorbed  
guest and note down his thought.  
Whether in the privacy of his  
Dominican cell, or at a King's  
banquet, his mind was bent on one  
thing, the quest of truth, but God's  
truth. Fluttering after truth is one  
thing—popular with the Modern  
Mind—seeking truth is another. And  
Thomas Aquinas stands out not only  
in the mediaeval world, which the  
flutters have despised, but he will  
stand out for all time as one of the  
greatest seekers of truth known to  
mankind: seekers, do I say? Not  
not a mere seeker but a finder;  
finder of the one truth, and only  
truth, which can set us free.

## A STUDENT'S IMAGERY

We might say that Thomas Aquinas  
stood firmly on the rock of the  
Middle Ages, and that a return to  
him and his quest of truth will  
hasten the fall of the Renaissance  
star which has cast so much twilight  
on our earth, and is in no small  
measure responsible for the morass  
of doubt, the morass of unrest, the  
morass of hatred in which man finds  
himself sinking to-day. To many  
the suggestion of a return to the  
thought of St. Thomas as the cure for  
modern ills would be like hunting  
for alchemists to solve our economic  
troubles, or hunting that the witch's  
broomstick replace the aeroplane.  
That responsible thinkers can think  
so is not one of the least of the  
maladies of modern thought. For  
fortunately there is a revived interest  
in Thomas Aquinas. It is significant  
that one may take a degree at Oxford  
now in the *Litterae humaniores* on  
the works of St. Thomas, and one  
may listen to him under the aegis of  
the London University.

Professor Grandgent of Harvard  
University in his *Old and New*,  
speaking of the period which follow-  
ed the Renaissance does not hesitate  
to write:  
"The Dark Ages—an epoch in the  
world's history beginning with or  
shortly after the French Revolution  
marked by a general extension of  
teaching and education, resulting in  
a vast increase of self-confident  
ignorance. It was induced by the  
gradual triumph of democracy, and  
will last until the masses now be-  
come arbiters of taste and science,  
shall have been raised to the level  
formerly occupied by the privileged  
classes."

## A MEDIAEVAL THINKER

It is surprising what "learned  
ignorance" can be found even in an  
Emeritus Professor. In his recent  
work *Some Great Political Idealists  
of the Christian Era*, Dr. Hearnshaw,  
of the London University, assures us  
that "the only genuine serenity that  
disturbs the bed of modernity is  
either St. Thomas or Dante was the  
problem of the relation between the  
two powers, the spiritual and the  
temporal." (p. 31). The epithet  
Mediaeval with thinker to the  
Modern Mind condenses up frozen  
thought, and many a Modern, whilst  
ready to give a condescending pat on  
the shoulder to Thomas Aquinas as  
a great thinker, gives him for the  
accident of having been born in an age  
that was uniform, static, "dragged  
into servile obedience to an unques-  
tioned authority. Nothing could be  
further from the truth. Chesterton,  
in his *St. Thomas Aquinas*, (to my  
mind the most remarkable book he

JAPANESE BANK  
SHOWS PROFIT

The local office of the Yokohama  
Specie Bank are in receipt of a  
cablegram from the head office to  
the effect that, at the 116th half-  
yearly ordinary general meeting of  
shareholders held at the Head  
Office of this bank at Yokohama, on  
March 10, a net profit of Yen 10,-  
940,425.77 was shown, including  
Yen 700,019.01 carried over from last  
account. It was resolved to make  
the following allocations:

To Reserve Fund . . . . .	Y 1,500,000.00
Dividend 10% per an- num (for the half- year ended Decem- ber, 31, 1937) . . . . .	5,000,000.00
To be carried forward to next account . . . . .	10,440,425.77
	Y 16,940,425.77

## H.K. FIRE INSURANCE

The General Managers and Con-  
sulting Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recom-  
mend at the forthcoming meeting of  
shareholders to be held on March  
29 the payment on account of the  
year 1937 of a dividend of \$12 per  
share absorbing \$480,000; to pass the  
balance of \$149,189.43 to the credit  
of Reserve Fund and to carry  
forward \$716,512.54 in respect of the  
year 1937.

has written) thus draws the true  
picture:

"The age of Aquinas was 'a time of  
wild disturbance, nobody knew who  
would win in that welter of Islam, or  
the Manichees of the Middle East, or  
the two-faced and the old Orders of  
the Crusades, or the old Orders of  
the Templars. Some had a very  
vivid feeling that everything was  
breaking up; and that all the recent  
experiments were part of the same  
disintegration. There were two things  
that such men regarded as the signs  
of ruin; one was the awful apparition  
of Aristotle out of the East, a sort  
of Greek god supported by  
Arabian worshippers; and the other  
was the new freedom of the Friars."  
(p. 83). With both of these St.  
Thomas was linked. He was the  
champion of Aristotle against the  
die-hard conservatives; he was the  
defender of the freedom of the Friars  
of Dominic and Francis against the  
furious onset of William de St.  
Amour in his *The Perils of the  
Latter Times*.

Christianity had to struggle until  
in the fourth century its triumph  
seemed assured. Then came the fall  
of the Empire with all the disturb-  
ing forces of the Barbarians. It was  
not until the thirteenth century that  
the moment of its great triumph ar-  
rived. Out of an apparently ill-  
assorted company; out of disparate  
social, intellectual, and religious dis-  
cords, Christianity was to win  
all around, Christianity was to win  
the victory of unity. A mighty  
force, the architect of the trans-  
formation to whom we must give  
pride of place was St. Thomas  
Aquinas.

He brought about a double revolu-  
tion. Up to this Plato or Platonism  
swept the intellectual world. The  
"rational" stress on the higher life of  
the spirit seemed to harmonise with  
the Christian supernatural outlook.  
St. Thomas, he ever, saw the weak-  
ness of a doctrine which found but  
shadows of reality in the senses, and  
considered escape from the body as  
the apotheosis of man. On the contrary  
for him man was only fully man  
when he was body as well as soul.  
Does not the Incarnation teach the  
nobility of their mysterious union.  
"The Word was made flesh?" More  
deeply than any previous writer  
Aquinas saw the beauty of God's  
plan in all God's creatures. He shed  
new light on natural virtues and, by  
placing in relief, the rights and  
duties of man at his daily rounds, he  
hallowed Nature and man in a way  
unknown to the noisy prophets of  
Naturalism and Humanism.

## UPHOLDER OF REASON

The second revolution was his in-  
stance on the rights of reason. If  
the light of faith alone revealed the  
supernatural, reason had its own  
clear field of vision in science and  
in natural philosophy. It dominated  
those fields. In the clear mind of St.  
Thomas there was no place for a  
conflict between faith and reason.  
There could be no war between  
science and religion. We are asked,  
by the Modern Mind to think of St.  
Thomas and his disciples as encased  
in a shroud of authority, blindly  
following a masterful Aristotle. A  
curious case of those who live in  
glass houses—throwing stones, for  
they are the very ones to ostracise us  
if we do not bow to a "Darwin says,"  
or "Einstein proclaims," or "Eusey  
teaches," to say nothing of those  
whose gospel is made by a Wells, a  
Van Loon, or a Johnson's Court  
rationalist. Against such a pro-  
stitution of reason St. Thomas is the  
first to protest, for he writes: "the  
study of philosophy does not consist  
in the knowledge of what men think,  
but in the understanding of truth."  
(De Caelo et Mundo, l. 22). His con-  
temporaries found that into the quest  
of truth he introduced "a new  
method, new arguments, a new order  
of questions, new light."

## MAKERS OF MODERN SPIRIT

In 1933 the British Broadcasting  
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Newton, and a general summary of  
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OUR GUIDE  
TO THE  
CINEMAS

"The Firefly" (King's Theatre, to-  
day)—Adaptation of the famous  
Otto Harbach-Rudolph Friml oper-  
a with Jeanette MacDonald and  
Allan Jones in the principal singing  
roles. Rich music and brilliant  
uniforms of the Napoleonic period  
made this film an outstanding suc-  
cess.

"Ever Since Eve" (Queen's Thea-  
tre, to-day)—The theme is by no  
means original, but the director and  
the two stars, Marion Davies and  
Robert Montgomery, have succeeded  
in lifting the film up to a high stand-  
ard of entertainment. It succeeds  
not so much on the plot itself, for  
the moves, very often, are known  
beforehand, as on the fine treatment  
of the stars and the supporting cast  
which includes Frank McHugh, Allan  
Jenkins and Patry Kelly.

"The Perfect Specimen" (Alhambra  
Theatre, to-day)—Errol Flynn  
is the ideal hero for such a story.  
Nevertheless a little more intelligent  
acting would have made his role  
much more entertaining to the  
audience. As it is, most of the  
laughs are supplied by Joan Blondell.  
Still, the film is above the average  
standard and should find a wide  
appeal.

"Fit For a King" (Oriental Thea-  
tre, to-day)—A Joe E. Brown pic-  
ture. If you like the star, you'll  
like this show, which has plenty of  
laughs.

"It's All Yours" (Majestic Theatre,  
to-day)—Though Madeline Carroll  
and Francis Lederer are certainly  
the stars, acting honours go to Mi-  
chele Auer in the role of the marrying  
count. It is a light picture, but de-  
finitely entertaining in parts.



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## LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE

## BARTLETT TALKS TO HONGKONG

Far East Affairs  
Discussed

Vernon Bartlett, noted journalist, who has been making a study of political affairs in the Far East, gave an entertaining radio talk on his impressions last night. He left early this morning on his return to London. Mr. Bartlett said:

May I begin by explaining why I'm talking at all? I had the pleasure and the misfortune to lunch with you. Postmaster General—a pleasure because I happened to like him; a misfortune because I hate being called upon to talk at short notice and he did that very thing to me. There was no suggestion of it when lunch began and before lunch was over I was pledged to face the microphone this evening.

I used to broadcast a good deal in England and, between ourselves, although I'd do everything possible to sound as though I were saying anything that came into my head, I'd spend at least 20 hours a week in preparing a 15 minutes talk about international affairs. There was always the possibility that if I talked about Paraguay or the North Pole, there would be somebody listening in who had spent all his life in Paraguay or a good many years of it trying to reach the North Pole, and he'd write in to the British Broadcasting Corporation to say that I ought to be sacked, or shot, or both.

And here I am faced with a microphone having arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai this morning and being compelled, much against my will, to sail for Singapore this evening. What can I say in such circumstances?

### FLYING VISIT

My job at home is to write about international affairs, and, alas, we're so taken up with Italy or Germany that we find it difficult—or our statesmen and editors find it difficult—to realise the extent to which the fate of Europe is being decided in the Far East. That means that I could escape from home only for two months, and two months, even if you fly all the way from London to Hongkong as I did gives you very little time to become an expert on Chinese affairs.

A week in Hankow, a fortnight in Canton, a couple of days in Canton—no, I shan't be such a fool as to say what I think about the Far East after that short experience. At least I shall only say that in my opinion, it is one of the worst tragedies of the after-war period that this greatest potential market in the world, China, should be threatened with the danger of absolute chaos when, for the first time since 1911, the import and export statistics show, it is becoming slowly more united, better disciplined and better governed.

I daresay that, in the process of trying to defend its territory the Chinese people will become still more united; that's very definitely the impression one brings back from Hankow, but at a cost in Chinese lives and foreign capital which is terrifying and tragic.

I can't say very much about Shanghai, because fog delayed my ship so effectively that I arrived there at 7 p.m. one evening and I had to return to Hongkong at 11 a.m. the next day—surely one of the shortest visits on record! But even so I was able to go round the most horrible devastated area I have ever seen, far worse than Madrid and that's bad enough, and to convince myself more thoroughly than ever before that, if the world allows this sort of destruction to take place without even a declaration of war, the outlook for civilisation is very black, and deservedly black. It is only in places like Shanghai or Hongkong that you realise how very interdependent people of every race and colour have become; how much the maintenance of peace has become everybody's interest.

### SCRAP OLD IDEAS

Several years ago the League of Nations began a series of experimental short-wave transmission from Geneva. It had no proper studio with nicely padded walls like the room from which I'm talking now, and it had a door nobody could shut.

## NO FOREIGN AIRCRAFT AT HAWAII

Washington, Mar. 10.

It is exclusively learned that the Government National Defence applications for British and Dutch aviation interests for permission to establish air bases at Hawaii have been refused.

The major reason for refusal by the United States was the unwillingness to expose the Hawaii defences to the view of foreign air liners, over which the Government would have little control.

Britons sought a stop-off at Hawaii for the projected air line between Australia and Vancouver. The Dutch are reported to be interested in extending their air service from the Dutch East Indies to Manila and thence to the United States through Hawaii.

A member of the Government explained that the granting of permission would most likely result in similar applications being made by others. He did not specifically mention Japan.

It is reported that an added factor prompting rejection was the desire of the Government to await the outcome pending civil aviation legislation defining, among other things, the agency for granting landing certificates to foreigners.—United Press.

And one day a message came in from Java to this effect: "For Heaven's sake, tell those fellows in Geneva to keep that door shut." And when people in Geneva can annoy people in Java, right the other side of the world, by slamming a door, I would suggest that the time has come when we have to alter a lot of our old ideas, to realise that, as the Italians say (or used to say before Signor Mussolini began to teach them something different), "all the world's one country."

And it is, you know. It's only when you come out East that you realise to the full how widely standards differ. Standards of comfort and civilisation, of wealth and poverty. But also how fundamentally we all want the same things—peace in which to work for ourselves and our families. Securely, as evidenced in the possession of a job. A lot of friends and so on.

I've spent a very happy, if also a very short, time in this Colony. It's far more beautiful than I had ever imagined. It is far more hospitable. I feel, on leaving it, rather like the American tourist who could remember Rome only as the place in which he saw a little yellow dog. By which I mean that I go home thoroughly ashamed of my ignorance of Far Eastern affairs and very anxious to come back again in order to get rid of that ignorance.

### FASCINATING HONGKONG

You who live out here—you must surely forget how much there is to see. You become accustomed to the relationship between two of the most conservative, most traditional, peoples in the world—the British and the Chinese—which makes Hongkong an incredibly fascinating place.

So fascinating that I've spent most of my afternoon wandering about the poorest parts of Hongkong buying bits of jade and amber and ivory that look extremely valuable and probably aren't, and watching the varied life of the streets. I've been doing that instead of working out a solemn and pompous talk on the future of Germany, or the resignation of Mr. Eden (the most attractive man I've ever met in British politics) or the relationship between Britain and the Dominions.

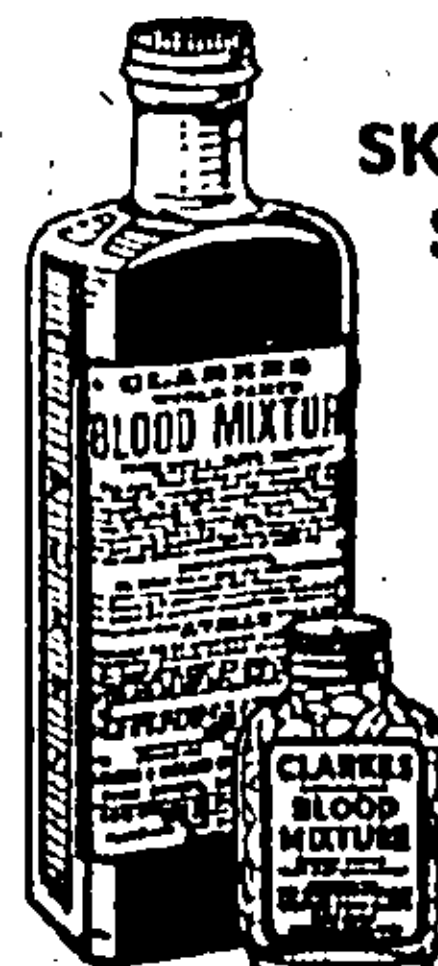
Forgive me then for wandering on like this and saying so little. You will forget this talk—unless I've said anything to anger or offend—far more quickly than I shall. I shall remember it because, I repeat, I've had a time here that was both interesting and happy (and you don't always get the two together) and I'm glad to have the opportunity of saying so.

And now, if I don't stop talking, you'll be bored and I shall miss my ship. So good night, Hongkong!

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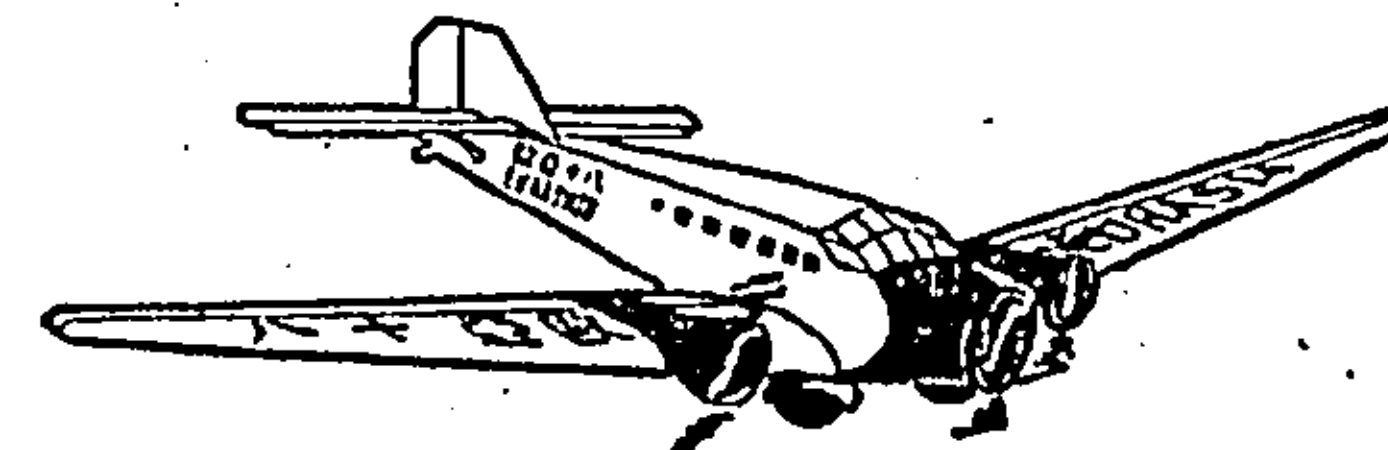
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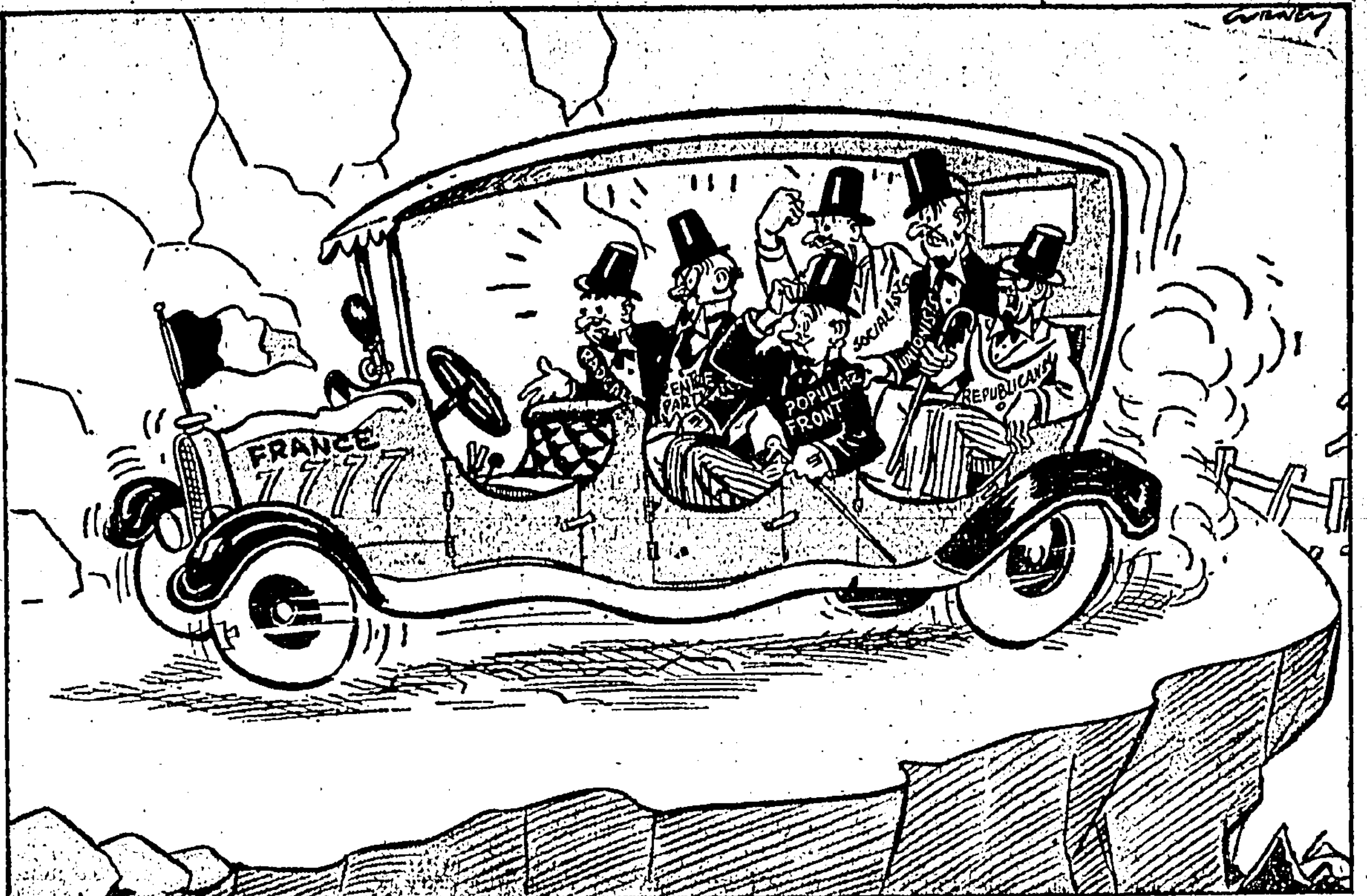
### COMPLICATIONS MAY BE PAINFUL

The principles involved in the current dispute between Great Britain and the United States in connection with sovereignty of two little mid-Pacific islands, are interesting. One way or another it is possible that the settlement will involve the establishment of a precedent. Roughly the two powers concerned must decide what constitutes defence of a claim to sovereignty; whether discovery or occupation provides the best proof of possession.

Looking at the thing from a common-sense point of view, and applying the rules of ownership which are accepted in general by civilised society, it would not seem that a settlement is difficult. But experience has shown that governments make things hard for themselves in dealings of this kind; and all too frequently such trivial beginnings have brought painful and even dangerous complications in their train.

To argue that discovery constitutes the chief claim to ownership seems a little bit unreasonable. Particularly might acceptance of this thesis be embarrassing to the United States, for the world has not yet forgotten Columbus. Surely it is plain that occupation must have the most important bearing upon questions of ownership. Occupation pre-supposes some sort of development. If sovereignty is not immediately challenged when occupation is first attempted, it must be taken that there is no objection. If a government suddenly realises that the land in question has some particular value either as an air base or naval station and belatedly contests ownership, the onus is positively upon the party not in occupation. The same argument holds good in a case where an island has been abandoned. In fact, it boils down to a simple statement:

Unprotected occupation of such islands as these in dispute, providing it is generally known and not kept secret, should establish sovereignty beyond any



### BACK SEAT DRIVERS

—Apologues to Gurney in Melbourne Herald

# French Premiers don't last

**F**IVE HUNDRED AND ONE to one is as handsome a majority as a Government could desire. And if arithmetic went for anything in French politics Premier Chautemps should have been fairly sure of a long innings.

But arithmetic goes for little enough. In the Chamber big majorities can melt overnight. Nor, contrariwise, could one argue that the Chautemps Cabinet, drawn from a minority, was sure to crash quickly.

You never quite know. It is as uncertain as cricket; whether as glorious is matter of taste.

How is it—I have been asked the question a score of times in the past fortnight—that, on the whole and comparatively, British Governments are so stable, French Governments so unstable?

The average life of a French Government in the nearly 70 years of the Third Republic is, I believe, rather under six months. In the same period the average life of a British Government is between three and four years.

Roughly, the "systems" are the same. The Government is responsible to the directly-elected House. It lasts while it has a majority. Beaten on a major issue it resigns.

Yet the result in the two countries is so different. Why?

First reason I think is this: that there is, in the two Constitutions, a difference which, not very important at first sight, has far-reaching consequences. It is in the law and custom about dissolving Parliament.

**I**N Great Britain, the Crown (which is in practice the Prime Minister) can dissolve Parliament at any moment.

Now in France that is not so. Under Article 5 of the Constitution, the President can dissolve the Chamber only with the assent of the Senate.

But that assent is not easy to get. And in practice the power is never used. It has, indeed, only been used once—by President MacMahon in 1877.

Since then every French Chamber has lived out its full term.

Now that has a profound effect on the relation between a Government and its supporters. The British Member of Parliament knows that a successful revolt against the Government on some single issue means almost certainly a dissolution. He will have to face the expense of a new election, in which he may lose his seat and his Party its majority.

**E**VEN leaving personal considerations aside, he may endanger all sorts of other policies and bills on which he is quite as keen as on the particular issue on which he is "against the Government." It makes him cautious.

So, for instance, the Irish Nationalists, for the sake of Home Rule, kept Asquith in power from 1910 to the war, though they hated much that the Liberals did.

Now the French deputy who gets annoyed with a Premier he has just supported need have no such qualms. If he helps to defeat, say, M. Chautemps he is in no danger of a dissolution. He is there for the duration.

M. Chautemps can swallow the pill or resign. If he resigns his successor must buy a mean, of course,

politically, not financially) support from the same Chamber.

So, whereas, in England, the Government tends to be master of a House it can always kill, in France the Chamber is master of a Government it can always kill. The House is responsive to the discipline of the Whips; the Chamber knows no such discipline.

That is difference the first.

Difference the second is that whereas in a British Parliament there are usually only two or three parties which matter, in France there is normally a whole series of groups, sometimes rather ill-defined.

When dissident groups do form themselves here, they always tend after a while to merge again into one of the bigger parties.

**T**HE Peelite who broke away from the Tories fused with the Liberals. Chamberlain's Liberal Unionists were absorbed by the Conservatives. Present-day "Nat-Libs" and "Nat-Labs" are going the same way.

It is, in part, a consequence of the same cause. Just as the individual, so the group, here, cannot chop and change so easily.

It finds itself always supporting the Government, and compromising over differences in order to do so; and so the differences gradually fade.

The alternative to X is the entirely opposite Y, plus the risks of an election. In France the immediate alternative is the not very different Z. So the groups have their freedom and keep their separate existence. And because they are many, the discipline is less and the gradations easier, individuals pass more easily from one to another.

Leaving one's party is a serious matter here; in France far more usual. Think of the number of Socialists and Communists who have "gone over"—Millerand,



Latest in a very long line of French premiers, M. Chautemps says a few words to the Paris Press.

Brand, Laval, Paul-Boncour, for example.

Other things help. The fact that in the Chamber the seats, instead of facing each other as Government benches and Opposition benches, are ranged in a semi-circle, grading, without any sharp frontier line, from "extreme right" to "extreme left," has some psychological effect. The electoral system, too, helps to create the group system. It has varied much in the history of the Republic. But always it has had either some rough sort of "P.R." or else the second ballot.

Either is favourable to minority groups which the British method tends to bludgeon or intimidate into impotence.

Again, there is something in national temperament. The Frenchman is far more individual, far less infected than the Englishman with "team spirit."

They say that nothing like the Tiller Girls has ever been produced by the French stage; there is in French politics more than a touch of the same reluctance to subordinate one's own personality to the interests of one's "side."

Finally, there is an historical reason. The average Englishman has a hankering for a "strong" Government. The average Frenchman still rather dreads it.

The Third Republic came into being on the wreck of the Second Empire. It has always been haunted—if dimly—by the fear of a new Bonapartism.

**I**N a way the working of French Parliamentary institutions is more democratic than the British. The supremacy of Parliament is more constantly and effectively asserted.

But the price paid for that is, inevitably, a comparative instability of French Governments—which has its disadvantages, though foreign-born who judge that Cabinet instability and continual change must necessarily mean national weakness, deceive themselves badly.

Which is the better way, the British or the French? Chautemps says: "Each nation to its taste."

### THE "VERY IDEA"

## HAVING NO DOLLARS IS CENTSLESS TO US (Joke)

By Eddie Kelly, Pauper

**C**LUTTERED up with millionaires, Hongkong is, with all these Empress of Britain tourists in port.

Anyway, wealth is a curse, curse it. Especially when you can't get it.

Sordid money-grubbing never did appeal to us. On pay days we shudder when we handle the filthy stuff.

Just dross, that's what it is. It brings out one's worst instincts, and lowers one to the level of beasts of the field.

That's why we never have any money. We're too sensitive. All our friends haven't got any money either.

There's going to be a terrible dearth until the next Irish Sweep. We, for one, shall have to swim across the harbour to work on and after our current ferry ticket expires on March 31.

Still, there's one thing about being poor—you can die with dignity. There'll be no bickering of relatives and legions at our graveside when we pass into the Great Beyond.

Talpaans will just tear up our obits, stand a moment in silent grief, and pass on muttering to themselves.

We don't see what else they can do. Unless one of those British passengers comes to stop for a while or two.



# Seamen Drunk At The Helm "FLIRTING IN LIFTS"

"THE safety factor in our ships to-day is far less than in the days before the Morro Castle disaster."

This statement, by "a distinguished American shipmaster," summarises the indictment of the discipline in American ships contained in a report published by the Senate Commerce and Labour Committees after hearings in Washington.

The Morro Castle, a United States luxury liner, was burned with the loss of 134 lives off New Jersey in September 1934.

## YOUNG GIRLS TRAPPED

Communism among the maritime unions is described as one of the chief causes of ill-discipline in the United States Merchant Service, together with the fact that officers join the same union as the men, a practice, in the words of one witness, that "destroys all moral."

"That noble figure, the sailor-man, is almost gone," laments an unnamed captain who told the committees.

"I have seen look-outs aloft so drunk that we were afraid to remove them from the crow's nest for fear they would fall down," "men at the wheel so drunk that they turned the wheel the wrong way."

## "RED SALUTES"

"Lift boys who trap young girls in the lifts between decks and make advances to them; "Walters who preach Communism to their passengers at meals; "Sailors who smoke aloft throw their cigarettes into the wind, with our hatches full of cotton; and "Engine-room men who raise their clenched fists in the Communist salute during boat drill."

He also stated that he knew of bar-keepers who, under the influence of drink, knocked at night on the stateroom doors of women and asked to be admitted.

## DUCE DEFENDS GOOSE STEP "NOT FOR FAT OR HALF-BAKED MEN" SYMBOL OF FORCE OF YOUNG ITALY

Rome. Signor Mussolini congratulated 10,000 Blackshirts this morning on the way in which they did the new Roman parade step—the "goose-step," as it is known in England—after little practice.

The march-past was in celebration of the 15th anniversary of the foundation of the Blackshirt militia. It took place near the remains of the Roman forums.

"The parade step symbolises the force, will-power and energy of the young generation of the Littorio," said Signor Mussolini. "They are enthusiastic about it. It is hard and demands preparation and training. For this reason we want it."

"It is a step which sedentary persons, big-bellied men, deficient men, and so-called half-baked men could never do. For this reason it pleases us."

"Our adversaries are proclaiming that the parade step is the most genuine and authentic expression of militarism. We are glad to hear it and for this reason we have adopted it. Before long, we shall do it perfectly well, because the Italians can do anything when they want to."

## MEDALS FOR GALLANTRY

"Fascist Italy is strong. She has many armaments and very many men to use them. She is under one command, and her morale is tempered by four wars."

"Fascist Italy respects everybody's interests but is ready to defend herself in future against all comers. Do you understand?"

The militia shouted: "Yes, Yes." During the ceremony Signor Mussolini distributed medals for gallantry to men who had fought in Libya, Abyssinia and Spain. In the afternoon he attended a military display in the Borghese Park.

## NORTH POLE CHESS

Moscow. An Arctic chess tournament by radio is to begin next Tuesday. It will last until May 1. The whole of the Soviet Arctic has been organised in six groups. Each group will select its champion by matches before next Tuesday. Then the radio battle begins.



THREE CEREMONIES—When Prince Paul, heir-presumptive to the Greek throne, and Princess Frederika Luisa of Brunswick, were made man and wife in Athens, recently, three ceremonies were performed. First was by the Greek church Archbishop of Athens, robed in cloth of gold; second by a German Evangelical chaplain, and third by civil authorities. Greece made a holiday of the occasion. The Prince and his bride are shown above.

# King Zog's Bride A "Cinderella"

Tirana.

KING Zog of Albania's betrothal to the "Modern Cinderella," the impoverished 22-years-old Countess Geraldine Apponyi, will be officially announced at a special session of Parliament summoned for 10 a.m. on Monday. He has formally asked Count Apponyi, her uncle, for her hand.

A special envoy from the King arrived in Budapest to-day, and invited the countess's family to Tirana, where they are expected on Thursday. On Friday there will be a banquet.

King Zog wishes the marriage to take place as soon as possible. Society is calling the countess a modern Cinderella, for her romance will end three years of poverty.

Since her father died, leaving practically no fortune, she has lived with relatives, earning a living from her knowledge of foreign languages.

At one time she sold picture postcards in the Budapest National Museum.

A porter there said: "She was a nice, sweet little countess. I am sorry she won't be working here any more. But she will make a good Queen."

Countess Geraldine, whose mother is an American, is an accomplished girl, popular in Budapest society, and clever at tennis, fencing, and riding.

Last year she won a beauty competition "for aristocrats only."

She is a Catholic, and King Zog is a Moslem. But it is thought that some arrangement will be reached on this matter.

## Universal Chief In Hongkong

"It is now two years since our company re-organised," said Mr. L. R. Brauer, managing director for Universal Pictures Corp. of China, during an interview on his arrival yesterday.

"Since then," said Mr. Brauer, "many changes have been taken place in various departments of our organisation. Mr. Nat Blumberg has been appointed our president. Mr. Charles R. Rogers is still in charge of productions in Hollywood, but our foreign department has now Mr. J. H. Seidelman as vice-president and manager in charge of all foreign distributions."

"It may be of interest to your readers to know that very soon we will release 'Mad About Music,' starring Hongkong's most popular star, Deanna Durbin. Another film that should be soon ready for release is 'Rage Of Paris' in which we present for the first time the continental star Danielle Darrieux, recently signed up with Universal after her great success in the European picture 'Mayerling' in which she played with Charles Boyer."

"Good-Bye Broadway" will have Alice Brady and Charles Winninger in the cast and "Day Of Promise" will star Irene Dunne and Edgar Bergen with Charlie McCarthy."

Mr. Brauer, who is staying for a week in Hongkong, is here on his annual visit, having just returned from a similar trip to Tientsin and Peking.

# EMPIRE NEWS

## BRITISH ARTISANS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town. The Cape Federation of Labour Unions has applied to the Departments of Labour and Immigration, inquiring if action can be taken to prevent the Settlers' Association from bringing more British artisans to South Africa.

The Federation states that, while the outlook in the building trade is cheerful, South African artisans are unemployed, and imported artisans are readily employed. Many of the newcomers, however, are not able to retain their jobs, and the Federation suggests that the Association is bringing men in without finding out whether they are competent.

Durban business men have promised to guarantee the necessary sums to enable 100 British artisans to come to South Africa under the auspices of the Association.

Postal Revenue.—Mr. Clarkson, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, speaking at Ladybrand, Orange Free State, said that the post office revenue this year would exceed £5,000,000. Notwithstanding a reduction of over £1,000,000 in postal charges, revenue had increased by £600,000.

## India

## CHANGES LIKELY IN BENGAL MINISTRY

Calcutta. An early reconstruction of the Bengal ministry is foreshadowed, and it is believed that three Hindu members of the Congress party will be included.

Owing to the refusal of Congress to co-operate, when the Ministry was formed in March, the five Hindus out of its 11 members were men of little political experience.

It is understood that Mr. Gandhi has consented to the changes. Muted by Leopold—Two of the Indians moved by a leopard near Bangalore after the animal had been fired at have died in hospital.

Air Crash Recalled.—The loss of the Imperial Airways liner City of Khartoum on Jan. 1, 1936, was recalled to-day when Sir Harry Hail, Governor of the United Provinces, opened the Horman memorial hospital at Cawnpore. It has been built in memory of Mrs. K. U. Horman, 34, the well-known airwoman living in India, who was a victim of the crash. The machine plunged into the sea one and a half miles outside Alexandria Harbour, 12 lives being lost. The hospital has been erected by Mrs. Horman's husband and his brother.

# TOO LATE NOW, SAYS K.C.

(Continued from Page 3.)

ceedings were started?—It was written for the reasons stated in the letter.

## £20,000 SUPER TAX

This concluded the cross-examination, which had lasted three-and-a-half hours.

Mr. Stuart Cole, an accountant, produced schedules showing movements of money in and out of the joint account, which was started on July 4, 1927.

Sir Stafford Cripps: As a result of the totality of these schedules, you arrived at the conclusion that the actual amount drawn out by the plaintiff during the whole of the period from the joint account was £282,113 17s. 7d.—Yes.

The amount paid into or on behalf of the joint account during the same period was £155,491 6s. 6d., leaving a difference of £126,622 10s. 6d.—Yes.

Sir Patrick Hastings: Since the date of the separation, Captain Cunningham-Reid has paid £20,000 in super tax, and that reduces the £126,622 10s. 6d. by that amount?—Yes.

This concluded the evidence for Captain Cunningham-Reid.

## K.C. "SUMS UP"

Mr. F. R. Evershed, K.C., summing-up the case for Captain Cunningham-Reid, said there was no plea that the transactions were the result of fraud or undue influence.

During the cross-examination, counsel asked many questions directed to show, apart from the fact that Captain Cunningham-Reid was no gentleman, that he exercised some unfair advantage over his wife and that she was infatuated with him.

The issue on the claim fell to be determined on the effect of the mandate, and no question of the conduct, good or bad, of anyone in the case could have anything to do with that aspect of it.

He submitted that the arrangement entered into between the husband and wife was intended to be a provision which would last at least during their joint lives.

## "INSPIRED"

With reference to the revocability of the deeds, Mr. Evershed said he could not help suggesting that Mrs. Cunningham-Reid had been inspired to put forward this defence by the use of the word "mandate."

It was a word applied to documents between a principal and his agent, which could be withdrawn or revoked. The use of the word in this case was with a view to producing a less expensive result in regard to stamping.

Counsel submitted that the deeds in question were not a mandate in the sense of an instruction to an agent, and that they were not revocable.

## TOO LATE

Dealing with the counter-claim, Mr. Evershed said it was now far too late, whether the motives were noble or ignoble, for Mrs. Cunningham-Reid to say: "I want all the money back."

Counsel maintained that there had been a specific approval by the wife affirming the arrangement alleged by her husband.

"Captain Cunningham-Reid has been subjected to a severe cross-examination, which was contemptuous and cynical," said Mr. Evershed. "It was suggested that he was 'no gentleman' for not having told somebody that the arrangement had been made."

## "A MUG"

Mr. Evershed said the fact that Captain Cunningham-Reid paid £155,491 into the joint account and, after separation, paid another £20,000 in respect of super-tax, plainly showed that he was not engaged, as Sir Patrick Hastings had alleged, in feathering his nest and getting for himself every penny he could.

Mr. Justice Crossman: To use a vulgar expression, he was a "mug" not to have kept the lot? Mr. Evershed proceeded to deal with the evidence of Captain Cunningham-Reid, and the hearing was adjourned.

# MEDICAL EDITOR LAMENT'S WEIRD HEALTH BELIEFS

Seattle. Dr. W. W. Bauer, director of the bureau of health and education of the American Medical Association, exploded health superstitions believed by some people.

As part of his work with the American Medical Association, Dr. Bauer is an associate editor of Hygeia, the health magazine. Mistaken beliefs concerning food-come to his attention in editing the mail for the publication.

Some of these beliefs are:

1. Freckles can be removed by applying certain cosmetics.
2. Certain kinds of face cream will grow hair.
3. Aluminium utensils cause cancer or some other disease.
4. Fish is brain food.

"There are literally thousands of mistaken beliefs that should be refuted," said Dr. Bauer. "One of them is that a woman must lose a tooth for every baby she bears."

"Such beliefs that 'eat the stamp of ignorance' cause no end of harm."

# RADIO BROADCAST

## Empress of Britain's Dance Orchestra

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

In A Gypsy Caravan (Butler-Damerell-Myers); Riding The Range In The Sky (Carlton).... Vocalists: Fred Douglas and Jack Hodges; Maracny (Gilbert-Nicholls); My Little Buckaroo (From "Strange Laws").... With Vocal Chorus; Six Hits Of The Day.... With Vocal Chorus.

1.19 Patricia Rossborough (Piano). Crest Of The Wave—Selection; Crazy Days—Selection; College Holiday—Selection; Swing High-Swing Low—Selection.

1.30 Router and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Gilbert and Sullivan Excerpts "The Mikado"—Overture.... The Light Opera Orchestra; "Iolanthe" Iolanthe From Thy Dark Exile.... Bertha Lewis, Nellie Bricliffe and Chorus of Girls; Good Morrow, Good Mother.... Leslie Hands and Chorus of Girls; When All Night Long.... Sydney Granville.

1.50 Light Orchestral. Immortal Strauss (A Medley of Strauss Waltzes).... Viennese Waltz Orchestra; Piccadilly—Concert Arrangement (From "Soft Lights and Sweet Music"); Falling Leaves—Concert Arrangement (Kennedy, Carr).

2.00 Ambrose and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; What's Next? (A Potpourri of popular tunes of the last half century).... Herman Finck and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

8.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Organ and Choral Programme.

Introduction And Fugue (From Fantasia on "Ad Nos Salutes"—Franz Liszt).... Fernando Germani played on York Wanamaker Auditorium Organ; Crown Of Life (Words, O. Turner; Music, Arr. M. Farrar).... The B.B.C. Wireless Chorus; The Question (Wolstenholme); The Answer (Wolstenholme).... Grand Organ played by Reginald Gess-Custard, F.R.C.O. at Kingsway Hall, London; Morgenglatzer (Vocal Waltz—Johann Strauss, Op. 279).... The B. B. C. Wireless Chorus.

7.25 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.30 London Relay—"Food For Thought."

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

7.50 Studio—A Talk On Society Protection of Children by D. Spreckley.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—"Empress of Britain's" Dance Orchestra.

8.09 Richard Crooks (Tenor). Songs My Mother Taught Me (Macfarren-Dyck); Mother O' Mine (Kipling—Tous); If I Should Send A Rose (Shayon-Shilkret).

8.10 Chopin.

Polonaise-Fantasia No. 7 In A Flat Major Op. 61; Rubinstein Spianato Op. 22. Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Waltz In D Flat—Op. 64, No. 1; Etude In C Major—Op. 10, No. 7.... Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).

8.30 London Relay—The News.

8.50 Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

The Beggar's Opera—Selection (Gay—Austin).... Cond. by Capt. George Miller; The Grenadiers Waltz (Waldeufel arr. Winterbottom).... Cond. by Capt. George Miller; Old Folks At Home And In Foreign Lands.... Cond. by Capt. George Miller.

10.10 Variety Programme.

Orchestra—The Acacia Blossoms Twice; More Stars Than There Are In The Sky; Once I Had A Dear Mother; The Sun Is In Love With The Moon.... Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra; Vocal—Nur Dir Will Ich Gehehren (Wlczynski—Van Aaken); In Dalen Augen Les Ich Eln Marchen (Niederberger-Heller).... Joseph Schmidt (Tenor); Piano—You're Here, You're There, You're Everywhere (Kahil and Loeb); Foolin' Myself (Lawrence and Tinturin).... Carrol Gibbons and His Boy Friends; Vocal—It's The Natural Thing To Do; The Moon Got In My Eyes (From Double or Nothing).... Hildegarde with Orchestra; Humorous—Gert And Daisy And The Tandem; Huntin'.... Elsie and Doris Walters; Dance Orchestra—Nighttime Cowboy Joe; Sailing On The Robert E. Lee.... Harry Roy's Tiger Ragomuffins; Vocal—Climbing Up The Golden Stairs; In the Moonlight's Glow.... The Hill Billies with their own Novelty Accompaniment; Organ—Palace Theatre Medley.... Reginald Foot—Organ of the Paramount Theatre, London.

11.00 London Relay—"America Speaks"—A series of talks broadcast from the U.S.A. to the British Empire.

11.30 Close Down.

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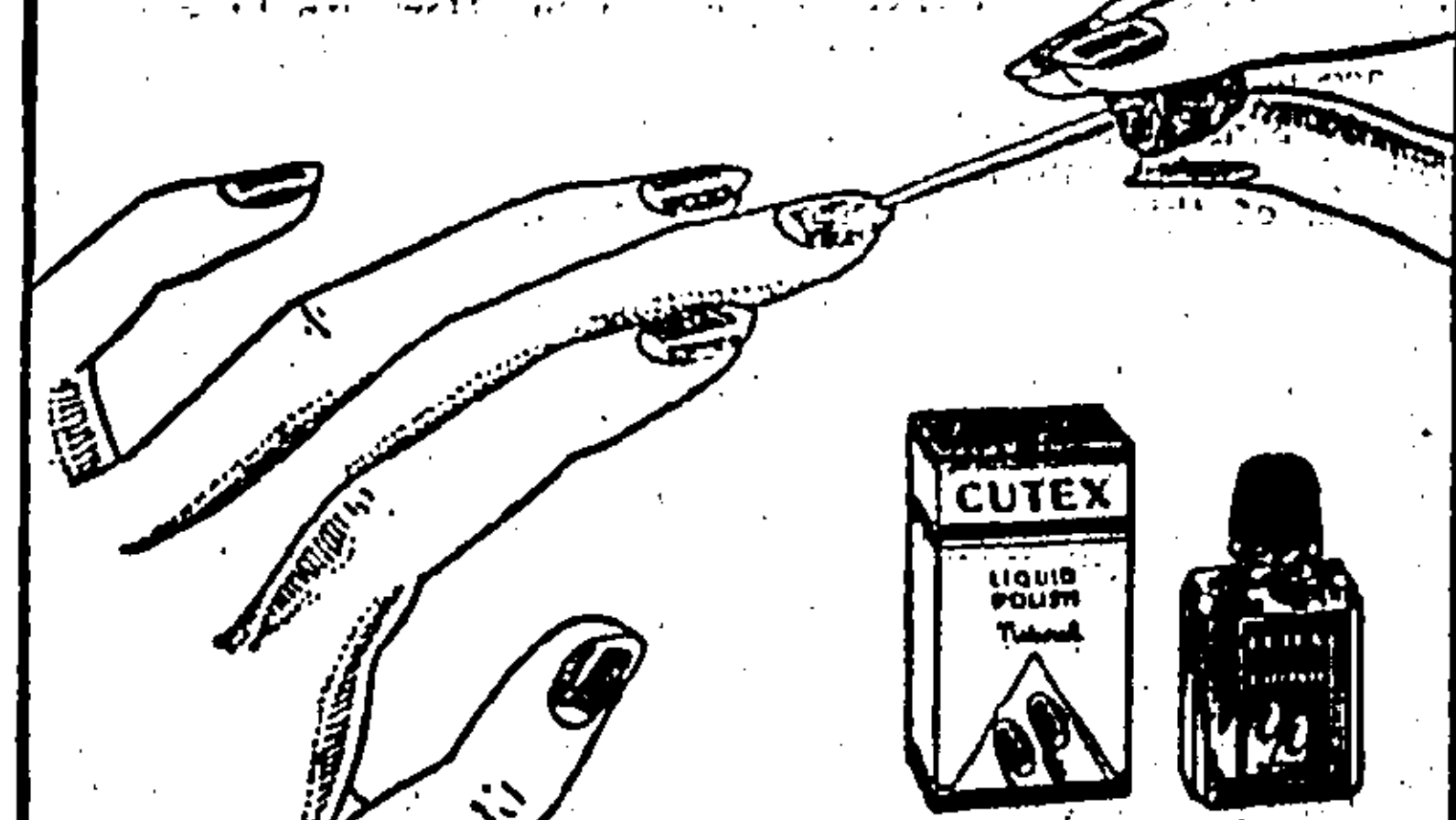
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# FIRST EXTRA RACE MEET FIXED FOR TO-MORROW

## IN REALITY A CONTINUATION OF CARNIVAL

### NINE EVENTS ARRANGED IN DAY'S PROGRAMME

(By "Captain Foster")

Although it is officially called the First Extra the race Meeting which will be held to-morrow at Happy Valley is in reality a continuation of the Annual Carnival; for there are a few open races confined to Australian and China ponies that started at the Annual Race Meeting and did not win. However, after to-morrow's racing, the classification sub-committee will assemble some time next week for a new ranking list and it looks that they will have a hard job over the Australian subscription griffins of this season. Owners are reminded that no pony will be classified within 48 hours of the time fixed for closing the entries for any Race Meeting.

The three important classic events, the Valley Stakes, the Hongkong Derby and the Rotoy-Hill Derby have come and gone. Although the Valley Stakes quite comfortably, Desert Star was not the best of the flock of China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, still with the exception of a few steeds, the rest of the batch are, in my estimation, common cargo. It is a long stretch to the Annual Carnival of 1939, but it is to be sincerely hoped that the Russian suppliers will send along next year a better class of animals.

It will be recalled that 81 subscription griffins were actually drawn for on November 25, and it is interesting to relate that the Nil Desperandum Stakes attracted no fewer than 75 entries—the biggest for sub-races. This was extremely good on the surface, the fact being the late arrival of the consignment and owners had no other alternative, but to be liberal in their entries. There were, however, 69 starters and many of them appeared only once or twice during the five days of racing. Out of this, 20 runners made their acquaintances with the judges and the remaining 49 were among the "Also Rans."

Spotting the winner was difficult on the first day, but after that, the picking was as easy as drinking water and this naturally kept the dividends down, which we were not accustomed to see in the subscription griffins' races. We all know that the Tytam Handicap is the first test of the official handicapper's distribution of the lead, but it is with regret that only 33 ponies have been entered. They will be divided into two sections and this has certainly not been a good response.

#### SILKYLIGHT TO START

We will have to exercise patience for another ten months or so before we can start discussing the prospects of the 1939 Blue Riband. Meanwhile let us concentrate on the extra flat racing under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club and I am glad to say that this year's Derby winner, Silkylight, is definitely starting to-morrow in the Hongkong Handicap, in which event he has been assigned to "A" division. The mount, I understand, has been entrusted to Mr. B. L. Tso, but the Shanghai entry has caused the weight controller to frame two allotments of the poundage and no doubt this was done in fairness to other starters should Silkylight refuse to accept.

Tornado Star was undoubtedly the best of the Australian subscription griffins of this season, but the

running of Little Audrey, who finished fourth in the Rotoy-Hill Derby, was a terrible disappointment to her admirers. It may not be known that all the three placed cobs, Tornado Star, Annabella and Mur-ray River, in the Australian Blue Riband were chestnut mares, a rare coincidence. While on the subject, the Australian ponies of this season were far below the usual standard and with the exception of half-a-dozen animals, all others were ordinary hacks. As an instance, the running of Lancashire Lad, who finished first in the Perth Plate (first section) over a mile on February 24, 1938, was timed in 1.51.2/5 on a heavy course whereas last year Llanarmon with a jockey allowance of 5 lbs. won the same race in 1.53.1/5 on a good track.

The absence of several Shanghai crack jockeys, who have gone back to the north, will be much felt, but it is learned that there is a possibility of Messrs. Encarnacao and Pote-Hunt returning to the Colony in the near future. It is to be hoped that the presence of Northern jockeys at our Annual Carnival has been the medium of some good riding lessons to our novices. Mr. Encarnacao is to be congratulated on heading the list of jockeys, but after all Hongkong has not done too badly, for our Mr. S. W. Tang was fourth with five wins, two seconds and four thirds to his credit. Mr. H. P. Chanson, who does not require any introduction, will be seen in the saddle and whatever his mount is going to be, is worth following up, for the jockey has made some wonderful strides in his riding. Messrs. Needa and Raymond will be riding to-morrow.

#### OPENING RACE

#### Some Fast Ones In Hay And Corn Stakes

The meet will open to-morrow with a sprint from the 1 1/2 mile post (about five furlongs) and the Hay and Corn Stakes for sub-griffins of this club of any season that have started at the big meeting and have not won. There are several speedy merchants among the list of entries, the best being Araxys, Coronation Day, Gold Sovereign, Mac's Adventure, Tabby Cat and Yum Sing. After her fine show in the Royal Navy Cup and her subsequent out-riding in the Northern Stakes, it looks a good thing for Coronation Day, but the real danger is Gold Sovereign and Tabby Cat. Mac's Adventure and Yum Sing are not bad for big money.

#### Oxford's Boat Race Crew Chosen

London, Feb. 28. Oxford will be represented by the following in the Boat Race, barring accidents: Garton (Eton), (bow), Young (Westminster), Steward (Eton), Forbes (St. Paul's), Burrow (St. Edward's), Waldron (Shrewsbury), Cherry (Westminster), Hodgson (Eton) (stroke) and Merfield (King Edward's School) (coxswain).

Garton, Young, Forbes and Waldron are new Blues.—*Reuter.*

#### POOR ENTRIES RECEIVED

#### Race Confined To Derby Griffins

Very poor entries—in fact only five ponies—have been received for the Lotteries Stakes over seven furlongs confined to Derby griffins, and the race is to be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races any where at any time. Humdrum Eve is a puller, but I understand that the chestnut gelding is not hard to handle and with a little of luck the nag should score his first win for Sir Victor Sassoon. Lancashire Lass and Handicap Eve should fill the lower positions in the frame.

#### GLADIATOR TO BEAT OAK BAY

#### Absence Of Mr. Davis May Make Difference

We should see a good race between Lady Northcote's Gladiator and Mrs. Stanton's Oak Bay in the "All Out" Stakes over six furlongs. Oak Bay has lost his usual skip, Mr. Davis, who has been in hospital since his nasty accident and in the circumstances I much prefer Lady Northcote's candidate. It will be remembered that Gladiator ran a good race behind the 1933 Derby winner, Trentbridge, in the Consolation Stakes and he went down by only three-quarters of a length. Soldier of Britain has lost some of his prowess, but this Tommy is not a bad bet as an outsider.

#### RANDWICK PLATE

#### Mile For Non-Winning Australian Ponies

After running to a third place in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (first section) Lucky Lad pulled up lame but if he is sound now, this chestnut gelding from the Lucky stable, should run away with the Randwick Plate over a mile for non-winning Australian ponies of this season. Chief opposition will be Macquarie River, who finished behind the winner, Annabella, in the Perth Plate (first section), but Colorado Star may spring a surprise.



Pictures shows the late Mr. H. Lloyd Thomas, British Minister Plenipotentiary in Paris, riding his horse, Royal Mail, last year's winner and this year's favourite in the Grand National, in the Clotter Steeple-chase at Lingfield last month. He finished fourth. A cable sent out from London yesterday states that Royal Mail will shortly be auctioned without reserve, probably at Hurst Park on Saturday. Mr. Thomas was killed recently while riding his famous horse.

#### Louis XIV To Have A Big Test

#### Many Rivals In Tytam Handicap

Louis XIV holds the post of honour in the Tytam Handicap "A" division over a mile, it being the first important handicap race among the China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, after the Annual Carnival and the first leg of the daily double is on this event. Louis XIV has been set to shoulder the limit load of 168 lbs. and the chestnut gelding, belonging to Mr. S. W. Tang, who is going to ride himself, has a big task before him. For the last few years all the champion sub-griffins of the season met their "Waterloo" in the Tytam Handicap and it is to be hoped that Louis XIV will get the better of the weight to know how Wild Cat by a neck while last year Gordito was outwitted by Pagan Love by a short head. I don't like the idea of Louis XIV having to concede over a stone to All Babi, Borrachito, Golden Cow, Salvage Master, and The Leopard and it looks that the winner should be among this lot. The Governor's Cup over a mile was won by Smiling Thru in very good time, namely, 2.04.4/5 with Golden Cow and Salvage Master following in the rear and it is on the strength of this run, though I may be wrong, that the adjustment of the poundage seems to be in favour of the low weighters. Planchet has been running inconsistently in his training and furthermore I dislike a pony massing weight in a race. Much confidence cannot therefore be placed on a pony running with a mask, but be careful with this clinker, for one never knows when he is going to turn up. Planchet is in receipt of 20 lbs. from Louis XIV and that alone should be a recommendation for anyone who is out for a long shot.

#### SILKYLIGHT BARRED FROM THE BETTING?

#### Almost Sure To Run In H.K. Handicap

The Derby winner and the champion pony, Silkylight, has been asked to give ten pounds to Desert Chief and King's Warden in the Hongkong Handicap "A" division over a distance run of 1 1/4 miles and, judging by his brilliant win over Liberty Bay, Mr. Moller's candidate should have no difficulty in crossing over the wire first in the major contest. We all know that Liberty Bay could in his prime give two stones to any China pony but under the circumstances I cannot see anything to bet Silkylight. The club handicapper has ranked Desert Chief and King's Warden on the same level, each carrying 158 lbs. and no doubt all eyes will be focussed on the running of these two steeds. There is good reason to believe that Silkylight will be barred from betting and I would not venture an opinion which is a better pony between Desert Chief and King's Warden? The former is certainly a first class animal, but the latter is not as yet on the wane. Taking everything in the balance, Desert Chief is much younger and should not be a bad speculation for a five dollar bill each way.

#### SECOND LEG OF DAILY DOUBLE

#### Charybdis May Do The Trick

The second leg of the daily double will be on the "B" division of the Tytam Handicap and we have a list of 18 entries. Is this year's sub-griffins to consider the other half of the combination. All the ponies in this section have not been placed during the five days of racing and (Continued on Page 9.)

#### Badminton Championship Programme

#### Dates Announced For Concluding Matches

Arrangements have been made for the Colony Badminton Championships to conclude by Friday, March 25. The semi-final matches will be played next week at Talkoo, the singles on Monday, March 14; the men's doubles on Wednesday, March 16; and the mixed doubles on Friday, 18. The final of the singles will be decided at Talkoo on Wednesday, March 23. An exhibition match will also be included in the programme. The finals of the men's and mixed doubles will be played at the Club de Recreio on Friday, March 25, which will also be the presentation night. An exhibition will be played in addition to the finals. Admission fee to the final of the singles at Talkoo will be 20 cents, and to the doubles finals at the Club de Recreio on March 25, 50 cents. Attractive programmes have been drawn up for each night and the badminton promises to be more than ordinarily interesting.

#### TRIPLE TIE

In view of the fact that many members of the University "A" team, the Chinese Y.M.C.A., the three teams in the triple tie in the "A" Division of the League, will be figuring in the remaining matches of the Colony Badminton Championships, the play-off is not likely to be played before March 25 unless private arrangements can be made by the three clubs themselves.

#### COLONY TENNIS TITLES

#### Tourney To Resume If Conditions Allow

Weather and ground conditions permitting, the Colony Tennis Championships at the Hongkong Cricket Club will be continued to-day. At the time of writing, the ground is still rather wet and prospects of play are not bright. If play is possible, the programme is as follows:

#### OPENING SINGLES

Tsui Wal-pui v. A. Chen.  
S. A. Runjahn v. W. A. Land.

#### OPEN DOUBLES

F. H. Kwok and S. W. Lung v. Capt. L. J. C. Loch and J. M. Tomlinson.  
J. W. Leonard and G. Chen v. A. Crawford and G. C. Burnett.  
A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios v. H. A. Barros and J. Goncalves.

#### CLUB SINGLES

J. A. H. Douglas v. W. Sander.  
G. W. Sewell v. R. M. M. King.

#### CLUB DOUBLES

L. R. Andrewes and E. H. Williams v. A. T. Dow and H. D. Bidwell.  
J. J. Ferguson and J. M. Wilson v. W. Wooding and E. Laidlaw.

#### RUGGER FIXTURES AT HOME

Two non-championship county rugby fixtures were played to-day. At Bridgewater, Middlesex defeated Somerset by 20-10 and at Falmouth, Cornwall beat Kent by 10-6. In a Rugby Union match, North defeated Pontypool by 11-0.—*Reuter.*

#### Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

## Vital League Matches For Week-End

### Championships May Be Decided To-morrow

The remaining Senior League last Saturday was one which had no bearing on the shield result, as neither the Civil Service nor the Navy are in the running. But for Whitmarsh, who knocked up a stout 96 before being bowled by Perry, the Navy would have made a sorry mess of it.

Only Nave and Paxton got double figures besides, but, as it was, they declared at 149 for 8 wickets. Having kindly needs another good bowler, as Baker, Perry and McLeellan are over-worked and the former two are very much alike. A sound left hander would help a lot. The Civil Service failed to get the runs as they found it difficult to score off both Paxton and Carless, and could do no better than 122 for 7 when the close of play supervened.

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE GAMES

I never had any reasonable doubt that Craigengower would beat the Recreio second eleven, and so it proved. The Recreio could only get 89 of which L. G. Gosano had 37—(I see there were three Gosanos playing in the second and two in the first Recreio team, which is a bit hard on a poor cricket scribble)—and remained undefeated at the close. The only other double figure scores were Carvalho (15) and Mr. Extras (13). Craigengower got the runs easily enough for five wickets. This victory puts them level with the Navy and I shall discuss their chances later in this article.

#### UNIVERSITY'S GALLANT FIGHT

Undeterred by the large score of 192 for 5 declared put up by the Club, the University tackled their job so stoutly that they might conceivably have won had there been more time, though I rather doubt it. They owe very much indeed this year to their first pair—Tsui (89) and Fong (20) and in this game they had put up over a hundred for the first wicket. Wodehouse had rather a day out as he got five wickets for 60 in 17 overs. I don't know why he was only third change—personally I should open with him. Possibly made 50 not out had something to do with it. Stokes made 54 and Peterson 29 for the Club who are batting very much more stoutly now.

The Civil Service, now Daniels has been required by the first eleven, have rather relapsed in their batting but in any case they were up against some good bowling by the Police who have a very useful side this year. Carey (60) and Pope (36) were their principal scorers in 169 for eight wickets declared. The Civil Service made only 67, of which MacGowan had twenty seven.

Army "B," like the first eleven, were one man short and got badly

battered by K.C.C. I see Sargent has been promoted to first wicket and he got 28. The bowling figures are curious but I take it that Coombes bowled very steadily—his figures were 10-2-20-5—and that most of the runs came off the other bowlers. The Army batting—they had lost Corporal Webb to the first—just wasn't there and Sargent proceeded to diddle them out with his leg breaks—10-2-14-71. A pretty useful bag!

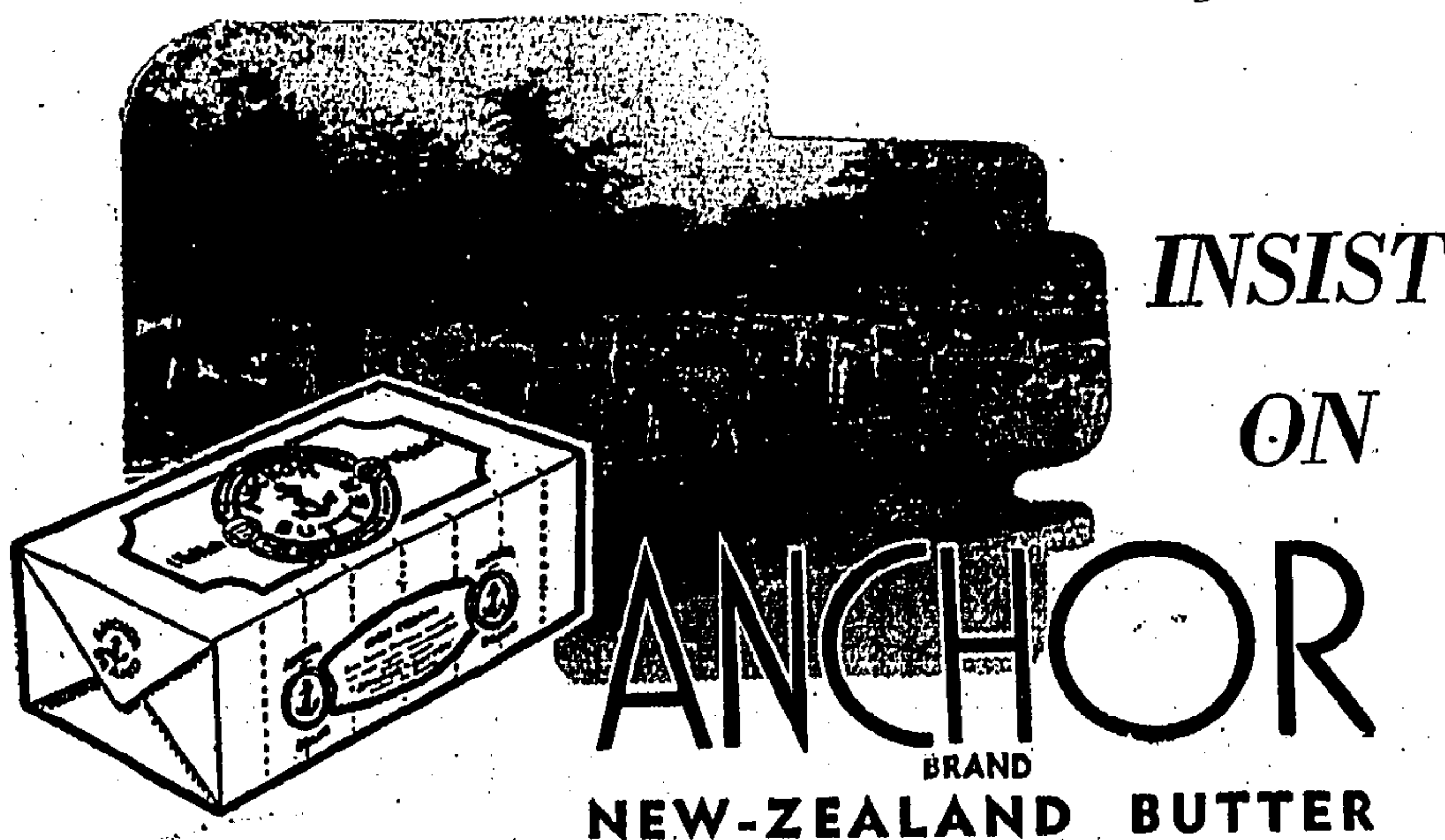
#### INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT

I was most interested to see the names of the English selection Committee. Plum Warner is there, as usual, and Percy Fennin. But it is interesting to note that they have included two youngish players, who are both—or were—captaining county sides, A. D. Sellers of Yorkshire and M. J. Turnbull of Glamorgan. This should keep the balance pretty true between the d.y.f. and the s.o.b. element. Of course whatever they do there will be the usual howl of execration. I cannot clearly remember whether it was so forty years ago when I began to take a very keen interest in county cricket (especially Hampshire) but now at any rate people are amazingly partisan and the fact that a player comes from their pet county makes lots of people dogmatic about his claims to represent England whereas, as a matter of fact they are no judges of the game and have never even seen the other candidates playing. You have only to mention the name of Gover or Copson and you have a mass of positive asseveration as to their undoubted right to be picked. The same applies to a lot of other cricketers—and I sometimes wonder if it is very good for a coming man to get a collection of fans that would not demean a minor film star.

Talking of selectors the Australian gentlemen seem to be getting it in the neck over Grimmet, Oldfield and Gregory. I cannot help thinking, however, that there must have been very good reasons for the omissions. Is it not possible we are judging Grimmet too much on his work when he was last in England? Age will tell!

#### TO-MORROW'S GAMES

The games in the first division of the League are of the greatest interest to-morrow. Of the two key ones, one is the match between (Continued on Page 9.)



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## INTERPORT PLANS ASTRAY

### War Checks Shanghai: Malaya Lacks Funds

Reasons for the breaking of negotiations for the visit of Singapore and Shanghai hockey teams to Hongkong at Easter were given by Mr. A. T. Palmer (Secretary) at a meeting of the Hockey Association Council at St. Andrew's Hall yesterday.

The Sino-Japanese conflict was responsible for Shanghai cancelling the visit and Singapore had to give up similar plans because of finances, he said.

Macno expressed a wish to have the annual game late in April, and in all probability will be seen in action during the Easter holidays.

### TRIAL GAMES

Hockey trials to select a team to represent China in the local International Tournament will be held in the near future. All players desirous of participating in this tournament are requested to communicate with Mr. S. H. Ling, Hongkong University Union, as soon as possible.

### FOR AUCTION BLOCK

### Royal Mail, Favourite, To Go Under Hammer

London, Mar. 10. The Grand National favourite Royal Mail, last year's winner, whose owner Mr. Lloyd Thomas was killed recently while riding him, will shortly be auctioned without reserve, probably at Hurd Park on Saturday. —*Reuter Special.*

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## VITAL CRICKET MATCHES

(By "R. Abbi")

(Continued from Page 8.)

Craigengower (at home) and the Hongkong Cricket Club. While Craigengower have out their strongest team the H.K.C.C. have, I regret to notice, a very weak one. John Pearce is not playing nor is his brother Alec who, I believe, is indulging in the pastime of Association Football. The Club are not of course in the running for the Shield but it does seem a great pity that they are turning out a weak side when the match matters to other people, if it does not to them. The other game is between the I.R.C. and the K.C.C. I do not myself believe that the K.C.C. can do more than draw this game, and that is what I feel about the Hongkong Cricket Club. The best either side can hope to do is to draw. However, cricket is a funny game and anything may happen. Of course, a great deal will depend on the weather. It has been so horrible for the last week or two that one is tempted to believe that it must get better in the future, but in any case I cannot see a good fast wicket. A great deal may depend on whether there is a decent light or not. There is little to choose between the Sookunpoo ground and the Craigengower ground as regards the light. The minor interest is the game between the Army and the Civil Service. If the Army turn out the side that was printed in the papers last Tuesday I think they ought to win, but if they turn out the skeleton side that they had against Craigengower I am not so sure. It must appear very clearly from what is happening now, that the winners of the Shield are not necessarily the best side in the Colony, because they may have met a team when it has been very weak whilst their opponents have met it when it has been very strong. As for the Navy and Recreation game at King's Park, there should be quite a good match but I think a great deal depends on whether E. L. Gosano comes off or not and Whitmarsh too for that matter.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE GAMES

The two games which carry the whole Shield interest in the Junior League are those between the Navy and University at Pokfulam and between Craigengower and Hongkong Club on the Club ground. At present the two teams are level. The University have been doing quite well lately though I confess I am in some doubt of their soundness as they seem to depend so much on their first two batsmen. The Navy, I know, have not got all the players they would like to put out but this applies to them so very often. I somehow feel sure that there will be a decision one way or the other, but which way it will go I frankly have no idea. As regards the Craigengower and Club game, these are two sides who have done quite well, though I could not have said this about the Club a bit earlier.



Allan Jones and Jeanette MacDonald in "The Firefly," now showing at the King's Theatre.

## Middleweight Boxing

San Francisco, Mar. 9. It has been announced that Freddie Steele, middleweight champion of the world, has accepted a guarantee of \$25,000 to meet Young Corbett Third in a title bout sometime in June in San Francisco.—*United Press.*

Fred Apostoli, who was considered a right challenger to Steele, was badly beaten recently by Young Corbett Third. Apostoli has previously beaten Steele on a technical knockout on January 7 in a non-title bout.

They seem to have pulled themselves together and generally speaking a draw would seem to be the most likely result. I see, however, that the Club have not got Woodhouse playing for them and this will I think weaken them a great deal. So far as I can see Craigengower are at full strength. Stoker also is not playing for the Club and like the first eleven, it would be a very nice team if they had a bit of bowling. Without it I don't see how they can hope to do much more than draw, but for the cussedness of the game other matches are, I believe, a game between the K.C.C. second eleven and the Police, and one between the Recreation and the I.R.C. second at King's Park. Both these were League engagements on February 19. The Civil Service possible have a friendly with the D.B.S. at Happy Valley if that has been postponed with the last of the matches.

### AN INTERESTING DAY

On the whole the cricket to-morrow should be most interesting though it is extremely difficult to arrange to watch both the matches at Craigengower and Sookunpoo in the Senior Division, and also those at Pokfulam and H.K.C.C. in the second. Personally I hope to get friends to do it for me with the exception of the Club-Craigengower match at the Valley.

### LEAGUE CRICKET

### Kowloon Selects Teams For Saturday

The following teams have been chosen to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in senior and junior League cricket matches to-morrow:

1st XI v. Indian R. C. (away.)—D. J. N. Anderson (Capt.), K. M. Baxter, G. P. O'Brien, C. C. Burnett, E. C. Fincher, W. C. Hung, S. Jex, R. E. Lee, N. D. Lloyd, T. A. Madar and F. Zimmern. Umpire, J. P. Robinson.

2nd XI v. Police (at home).—A. A. Dand (Capt.), R. Baldwin, W. Bamford, R. T. Broadbridge, H. Brokenshire, S. A. Gray, G. A. V. Hall, B. D. Lay, J. R. Luke, W. L. McKenzie and C. B. R. Sargent. Umpire, H. Overy.

## Japan Sends Her Assurances

### Efforts To Make Games A Success

Tokyo, Mar. 10. Mayor Ichita Kobayashi has sent a message to Count Baillet la Tour, President of the International Olympic Committee, declaring: "The people of Tokyo are doing their utmost towards making the 1940 Olympic a wonderful success." The message paid tribute to the sympathetic co-operation of the committee "in making the 12th Olympiad a triumph over all difficulties."

Meanwhile the Japan Olympic Committee, due to the alarm resulting from General Sugiyama's declaration in the Diet that the Games

## WEEKLY RACING NOTES BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

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spotting the winner is very open. On the strength of training times, Charybdis, Easy Time, Jack High, Labour, Day and Sahara Star are strongly recommended, giving preference to the first named pony.

### CLOSE FINISH ASSURED

### Many Good Ponies In "B" Division

The inclusion of New Star and Ros-Qu en in the same peg with Boolat Bay in the Hongkong Handicap "B" division over the champion course should produce a fine race. It will be recalled that Boolat Bay, the winner of the Happy Valley Spring Handicap "B" division with a burden of 168 lbs. finished a neck in front of King's Bounty who was in receipt of 17 lbs. but to-morrow the latter has a pull of 19 lbs. Tyne, who dead-weighed with Amberley is better off with an allowance of three pounds, but I am afraid that the distance of 1 1/4 miles is out of his range and I doubt whether King's Bounty can last the jaunt. King's Lead should do well, considering that he has only a pound more to carry over the weight for inches. Should the going be on the soft side, Bright View is the one to follow up.

## LAST RACE OF THE DAY

### Blandford Best Of Bunch

The Moonie Ponds Handicap for non-winning Australian ponies has drawn 12 entries, the best being Blandford, Home Brew, Lancashire Chips and Ranger. I fancy Lancashire Chips and this chestnut gelding will be wearing the new silk of Mrs. J. H. Taggart who is making her debut as a lady owner.

might be abandoned in the event of a "graver incident" before 1940, have issued a statement saying "preparations for the Olympics were being pushed without any hitch," and add that sportsmen who are not serving in China at the moment have already begun training.—*United Press.*

### DELEGATES IN FAVOUR

A consensus of opinions from the delegates arriving for the ten-day International Olympic Club Meeting which commences on Thursday next, indicates that the majority are in favour of holding the Games in Tokyo. They believe that the Games will be held according to schedule unless Japan voluntarily relinquishes her right.

King Farouk will make a speech at the inaugural session, which will be at the Royal Opera House.—*United Press.*



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# Twilight of a War God

SIR JOHN FALSTAFF might well ask "What is this honour?" The soldier who was for long accounted Germany's foremost Commander of the Great War recently died, and already the military experts are busily picking the bones of his once tremendous reputation. The case of General Ludendorff might, one would imagine, stand as a warning to all military aspirants to fame.

There was a time, after his brilliant successes as old Hindenburg's Chief of Staff against the Russian steam-roller, when Ludendorff's name was a sacred household word in Germany. Everything favoured that popular apostrophe. When the first grand thrust by the fresh German legions in the West was checked at the Marne, and the Russians were swarming over the Eastern frontier so formidably that panic-stricken refugees were spreading dismay even in Berlin, it was Ludendorff, as Hindenburg's lieutenant, who laid the spectre of invasion.

But there has been a less agitated weighing of the historical facts. It is now known that, apart from the wretchedly equipped and inadequately supplied state of the Russian troops, most of the brilliant tactics at Tannenberg, and at the later battle of the Marne, were not Ludendorff's at all, but the concepts of quite another soldier, Colonel Hoffmann.

## A Stroke of Luck

This is disputed by the Ludendorff disciples, but to most dispassionate students the facts appear against them. Nor is it in doubt that, but for General von Francois disobeying Ludendorff's definite orders, and delaying his attack until he had the whole of his available command at his disposal, the victory of Tannenberg would probably have been a fatal fiasco.

Perhaps the real responsibility for the German victories in the East, which exposed and shipwrecked for ever the fabulous Russian steam-roller, was not due to any German Commander so much as to a Russian. The German militarists are still amazed at the good fortune which prevented Rennenkampf, the famous Russian cavalry commander, from tackling the enemy whilst the German Russian Army under Samsonov was still in being.

By marking time with his Northern command, Rennenkampf presented Hindenburg and his self-assertive

by "An Old Stager"

lieutenant with the chance to take the Russians piecemeal. This is only one of several notable instances during the Great War which appear to justify the cynical axiom that victory went to the side that made the fewest and least serious mistakes. But there had been no careful expert analysis of the Russian campaign when Germany garlanded Ludendorff's head as the compeller of victory on the threatened eastern frontier, and he came with overwhelming military prestige to direct, under Hindenburg's titular command, the vital strategy of the German Armies on the Western Front. He gained fresh laurels there. But according to the most reliable sources of information it was not Ludendorff, but his well-chosen assistant, who devised the very effective tactics of the great March 1918 attack.

## Supreme Egotist

This attack, it must be remembered, was delivered against a difficult front held in woefully inadequate strength by our devoted Fifth Army. Nor was that supreme effort in itself a masterpiece. The German advance, exhausted itself against a stubborn defence, and the ensuing push failed completely to achieve anything except casualties which began the breakdown of the German military morale.

From that point onwards Foch utterly out-generated Ludendorff, and the latter displayed, indeed, the worst kind of military mentality in withholding from his home Government the truth about the situation on the vital front until it was hopeless to attempt to make better terms than were eventually forthcoming from the all-conquering Allies. This was typical of Ludendorff's mentality, and it cost Germany more than words could tell.

When it was too late to negotiate, Ludendorff became panic-stricken, and his desperate appeals to his political chiefs to make peace at any price, and so save an open military debacle when it was too late to do so, mark the supreme egotist.

We know the sequel, and it was not romantic. Ludendorff fled to Sweden disguised as a civilian in blue glasses. Nor is this the full tale of an exploded reputation. Ludendorff was for years before Der Tag on the General Operations Staff, these little blue flowers under his shaven head. In the famous von Schlieffen strategic plan, long prepared by the German War Office, which very likely proved fatal to its success.

## Bump on the Head

The story of Ludendorff's activities after the War is a pitiful one. One of his apologists in Germany in equal I prefer the one who has stresses, as some explanation of his pleasant manners, and above all, conduct, the fact that in October 1918 does not get rattled at a crisis.

he violently bumped his head against the roof of his automobile when crossing a railway line. It seems a rather thin explanation of grotesquely puerile behaviour.

Ludendorff displayed in fortune's reverse none of the stolid dignity and brave fortitude of his old Commander, Hindenburg, who according to his vision of his country in its hours of trial and tribulation, it can be any quarrel as to whose were the finer military brains, there can be none as to which was the more splendid character.

Ludendorff in turn scolded like a disgruntled drill sergeant now, this and now that public figure in post-war Germany. His egotism even re-nounced Christianity in favour of a positive revival of the ancient gods of heathenism. He tried to build his New Jerusalem of the shadowy wreckage of a cavernous nightmarish Even from his associate Army admirers we get revealing glimpses of the real Ludendorff. To my mind they are not attractive. When he arrived with his famous Chief in Marienburg to take command against the Russians, old Hindenburg shook hands with every officer on the platform. Ludendorff barely touched his cap. At the ensuing military conference, "losing" no time with courtesies, he shocked everybody by his rudeness, bellowing out his views to senior officers in a way which left no doubt that they were orders and that he meant what he said. Yet the writer of this account worships at the shrine of "this man who alone was strong enough to take the enormous chance of Tannenberg."

A second critical day at Tannenberg, when the weak German centre threatened to give way, Ludendorff, extremely nervous and even more explosive than usual, objected in rather violent language to one of his staff officers walking over to General von Scholtz's staff, talking there to a friend. "General von Scholtz's face went red with fury," what choleric fellows these Prussian militarists are! "and he was about to protest, when the slow and deep voice of Hindenburg was heard to say: 'Muller, I wish you would pick Tag on the General Operations Staff, these little blue flowers under his shaven head. In the famous von Schlieffen strategic plan, long prepared by the German War Office, which very likely proved fatal to its success.'

## Hindenburg's Calm

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As the classic showman said, you pay your money and you take your choice. But for my part, give me old Hindenburg, and you can have your Ludendorff. Of two disasters after the War is a pitiful one. One of his apologists in Germany in equal I prefer the one who has stresses, as some explanation of his pleasant manners, and above all, conduct, the fact that in October 1918 does not get rattled at a crisis.



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WHAT HAS HAPPENED THUS FAR: Nina, a beautiful young Spanish singer, is commissioned to go to the French city of Bayonne. She finds out that she is being sent to the Spanish government. Don Diego, a handsome Spanish count, rescues her on the way from a brigand. She feels herself drawn toward him but dismisses him when he follows her to Bayonne, so that she may carry on with her interrupted flirtation with Major de Rougemont, first aide-de-camp of Bonaparte.

## Chapter Four

Before she could keep her rendezvous with Major de Rougemont, Nina knew she should have the carrier pigeons ready. If she could find out anything about Napoleon's designs on the Spanish king, not an instant must be lost in rushing the news across the border.

In the picturesque little market-place was the vendor whom she had been instructed to seek out. Moving between rows of donkeys, peddlers, beggars and bright scarlet flowers, Nina made her way to his side. The vendor brought a quick stream of understanding. Quietly he passed over a pair of bright-eyed birds, while he whispered: "The King will reach Vittoria tonight."

Nina's pulse quickened. She had little time to lose. If Ferdinand was to be stopped from crossing the border, immediate evidence of treachery was necessary. In a few hours she hoped to know the truth. As she crossed the square, passing a little hat stand, Nina saw a familiar figure outlined in the bright

rooms, he was all apologetic. An emergency order had come through. He must set out for Spain at once. It was the matter of the international conference they had mentioned before. And their tête-à-tête must be postponed a few days. Nina, hearing every move with masterful care, contrived to make him feel that she could not bear to leave. While he sent the orderly out for his despatches, she sat down at the piano and began to hum a sentimental refrain. The Major, adjusting his dress uniform, was immensely flattered at thought of the company he had made.

Nina apparently absorbed in the listless mood of the song, was a tumult of excitement within. This was the crisis. If she let him get away, without finding out just why Napoleon was sending him to King Ferdinand, all was lost.

As she watched him, he stood over her, drawn by her loveliness. "You know so many provocative songs," he said.

"Do you like them?" she asked softly. "I like everything about you," the Major replied. "Your voice... your hair... your lips. All I can think of is that I want to take you in my arms."

"Then perhaps I'd better go," Nina said tearfully. "The Major bent lower, speaking intimately, softly."

"If you knew how I'd looked forward to this day, I thought... tomorrow shall be here... in this room. We'll have luncheon together. We'll be alone..."

"It would have been nice," Nina agreed. "It will be nice," he corrected her, passionately.

"I hope so. But sometimes... when a mood is broken..." "Don't say that, Nina," he pleaded. "You're making it so difficult for me to leave."



sunlight. Don Diego was still here and it was not by accident he had been waiting nearby. Nina hadn't the heart to pass by without a word of recognition. Despite the risk she paused, and smiled.

"Am I forgiven?" asked Don Diego, his own eyes twinkling in return.

"Yes, but I can't see you — until we return to Spain," said Nina. For Don Diego, however, one word of encouragement was enough to get superhuman energies in motion. He refused to be sidetracked again, and taking Nina by the arm, started out to see some of the sights of Bayonne.

At last they reached the sloping banks of the stream which went through the city. Buying some chestnuts from a roving vendor, they began to feed them to the greedy ducks. In a careless moment Don Diego put out his hand too close to one of the latter, and pulled it away with a comic howl. Nina began to laugh at the expression on his face.

"Favon't you any heart?" he asked in mock indignation.

"Did it hurt?" asked Nina.

"Of course it did. There's no feeling there at all."

Nina took his hand in hers, and began to rub the fingers. For once, feeling safe in their little retreat, she was thinking of the pleasure of the moment, and forgot the patriotic mission that hung over her head.

"When you forget to be on guard," whispered Don Diego, "your eyes are soft. You do love me a little, don't you?"

There was no need for Nina to answer. Her face told the story. Quickly Don Diego pressed her to him. He kissed her again and again. "Tell me that you love me," he demanded.

"I love you," she said, eyes half closed.

From overhead came the clumping sound of horse hoofs. A cavalcade was passing. They looked up. It was Napoleon, the Empress Josephine seated beside him. Beside the royal coach rode Major de Rougemont and a host of other aides.

Brought to her senses with a crash by sight of the ruler whom she felt to be her country's worst enemy, Nina leaped to her feet. It was almost noon. She must hurry. Have an announcement? she cried out. "I'd almost forgotten."

"You can't run away now —" pleaded Don Diego.

"Please," she begged, "I can't see plain now. Just take this." She tore off her jacket and gave it to him. "I do love you. Just believe in me."

Headless of his further entreaties, she rushed away. Don Diego stood staring after her, his eyes fixed on the spot where she had disappeared.

When Nina reached the Major's

There was a knock at the door. The Major looked up, annoyed. He frowned, knowing he must leave. The Major opened the door, revealing a young aide. In his right hand were two despatches. He saluted, presenting them to his superior. The Major accepted them rather reluctantly.

"Anything else, sir?" the aide asked.

"My escort: are they ready?" "They're coming up the street now, sir."

"Thank you." The aide bowed, and left. Slowly the Major closed the door. He turned to Nina. She had moved over beside the window, where his despatch case and hat lay on the table.

"That means you have to leave now," Nina asked.

"Yes," the Major picked up his despatch case. Just as he was about to put the papers into it, Nina took it from him. To the Major, the gesture implied that she was reluctant to have him start so soon.

"Let me do that," she suggested, engagingly.

With a smile, he handed it to her. She stood in front of him so that his back was to the light that streamed in from the window. Putting the strap of the despatch case over his head, she adjusted it on his shoulder, meantime smiling at him. He watched her, enthralled at her lovely nearness, as her arms went around his neck. Adjusting the strap, she turned to put her despatches in their proper place. Still smiling, she took them from him.

He watched her adoringly, flattered by the attention. As she opened the case, she looked at them and made a wry face.

"These things! I ought to hate them," she said naively. "They're the things that's really coming between us, aren't they?"

She moved still closer to him, looking up into his face, her lips near his. Overwhelmed, oblivious for the moment of anything but her and her tantalizing proximity, he held her close to him.

Nothing can come between us, Nina," he whispered. "We'll be here together... in this room, three days from now. Promise me that."

"I promise," Nina said softly. "You'll come back, won't you?" "My arms went around him. As he leaned down, kissing her again and again, she lifted the papers in her hand behind his back, holding them up against the strong light. From outside came the sound of horse hooves on cobblestones as the Major's escort drew up before the house. "Farewell, Nina," he said, the papers against the sunlight. Through one of them she saw, all too clearly, the words: "Order of Arrest."

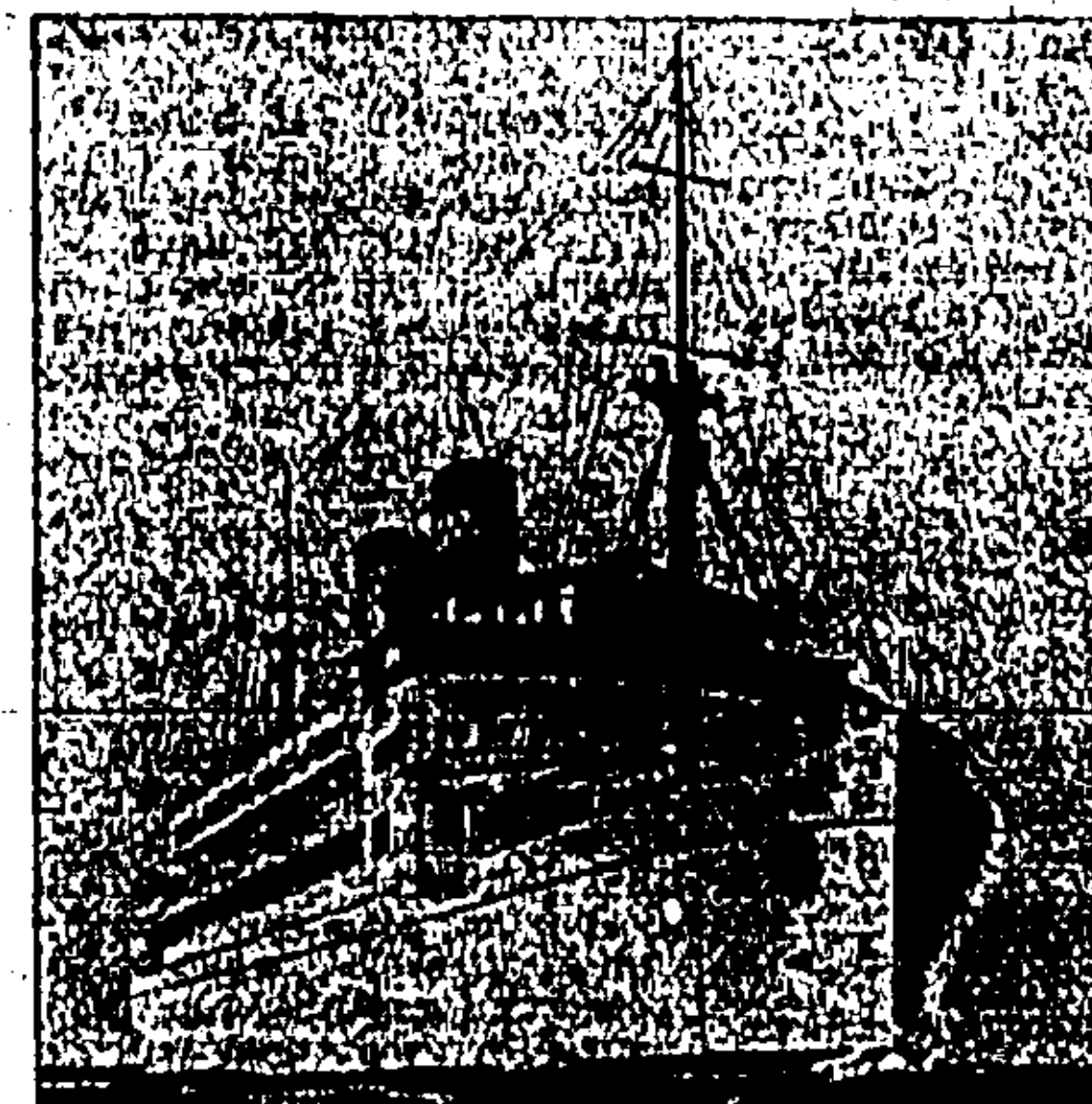
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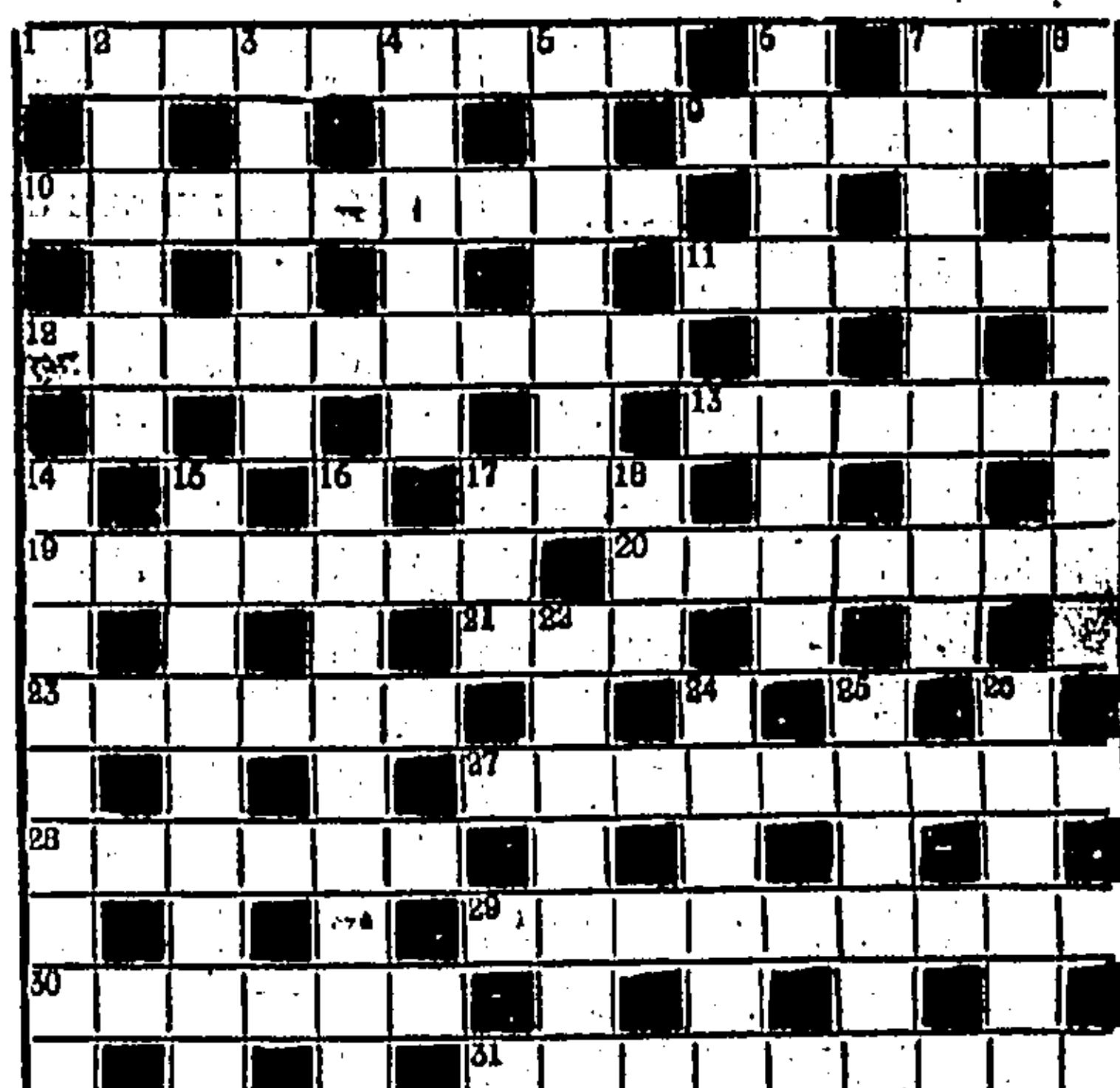
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## RIVAL FACTIONS IN REPEATED CLASHES

### Graz in State of Virtual Revolution As Nazis Fight Fatherland Front

Vienna, March 10.

With the Nazis shouting "Away With Schuschnigg," their clashes with supporters of the Fatherland Front have spread bloodshed and terror, and Austria is rapidly approaching a state of civil war as a result of the forthcoming plebiscite.

Rumours of a *putsch* brought troops and reserves to the Chancellery to-day where Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg debated the necessity of imposing martial law.

Scores of Nazis, Fatherland Front followers and Communists have been injured in Vienna and Graz, while rioting became worse after dusk. Five thousand Nazis, defiantly wearing uniforms and flaunting swastikas, invaded the Leopoldstadt Ghetto shouting "Jew, go and hang yourself." They badly beat several youths.

It is unconfirmedly reported that Herr Seyssinquant is preparing to resign on Thursday.

Graz is in a state of virtual revolution, and scores of lorries loaded with troops are en route from Vienna. In the space of six hours, 25,000 Nazis overwhelmed Graz, "heiling" Hitler and denouncing Dr. von Schuschnigg. They clashed with Fatherland Front followers and Communists, who were shouting "We vote for Schuschnigg." One ambulance station received 12 wounded people. Meanwhile the rest of Styria reports similar riots.

#### "SCHUSCHNIGG MUST GO"

It is feared there will be bloodshed in the Leopoldstadt Ghetto as the Socialists have mobilised and are marching through the district shouting promises to protect the Jews.

Throughout the nation the Nazis have issued pamphlets which state: "Schuschnigg broke the Berchtesgaden agreement. Schuschnigg must go down with the swindle of the plebiscite."

Although vastly outnumbered the police concentrated their attempts to protect Government buildings. Meanwhile supporters of the Fatherland Front have mobilised on the outskirts of Vienna and have started a march on the city.

It is unconfirmedly reported that Herr Hitler is attempting to intervene through his Under-Secretary of State, Herr Wilhelm Keppler, who, it is reported, is now conferring with Herr Seyssinquant in Vienna.—United Press.

#### TEN BADLY HURT IN MIDNIGHT AFFRAY

Lin, Mar. 11. Rifles, "life-preservers" and clubs were used in an ugly collision between the Nazis and Fatherland Front storm corps shortly after midnight, ten being seriously injured. The Nazis leaders stated that unless the police disarmed the storm corps they would not answer for the consequences.

Herr Seyssinquant cancelled his broadcast scheduled for to-night, and it is reported that he is contemplating resigning as a protest against the Government's rejection of his demand for a postponement of the plebiscite, and the inclusion of two more Nazis in the Cabinet.

A Berlin message says there is a feeling of indignation and discontent over Dr. von Schuschnigg's behaviour rising in Germany. It is believed that Dr. von Schuschnigg of hoodwinking the Nazi representatives in the Cabinet and of any Austrian Nazi equality of status which they should derive from the Berchtesgaden agreement.—Reuter.

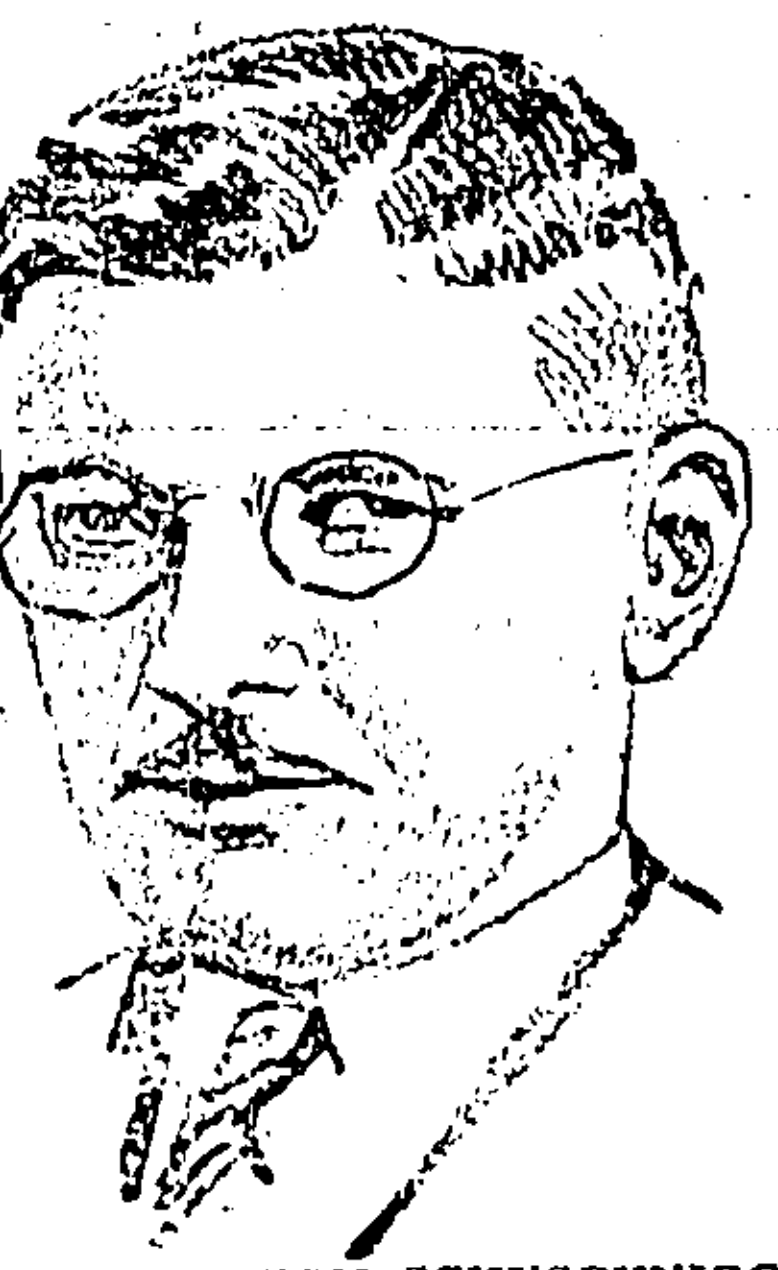
#### BERLIN IRRITATED

Berlin, Mar. 10. Considerably irritated by the turn of events, the Nazi party and Government circles plainly regard Sunday's Austrian plebiscite as an anti-Nazi manoeuvre.—United Press.

#### SCHUSCHNIGG SAFE

Vienna, Mar. 10. Both the Austrian Nazis and the Fatherland Front supporters are convinced that Schuschnigg is safe.—(Continued on Page 4.)

#### FACING CRISIS



DR. KURT VON SCHUSCHNIGG, Chancellor of Austria, who may have a civil war on his hands as a result of Nazi agitation.

## ITALIAN ATTITUDE UNCERTAIN

Fascist Grand Council Meets

Rome, Mar. 11. The Fascist Grand Council adjourned until 10 o'clock to-night, after hearing a complete exposition of the international situation from Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister, presumably including progress in the Anglo-Italian talks, and the Italian attitude towards the recent events in Austria.

An almost entire absence of press comment on the Austrian developments has left the Italian public bewildered regarding Italian policy towards the Nazi encroachments.—Reuter.

## TOMMY FARR FAVOURED TO BEAT BAER

New York, Mar. 10. Tommy Farr, the British heavy-weight boxing champion, who was tonight beaten on points by Brad Hook, is a 2 to 1 on favourite to beat Maxie Baer in a 15-round contest on Friday.

Farr received two black eyes during his strenuous training and he regards them as a good omen. He declares that the last time he got black eyes was just before he knocked out Neusel, and he is confident he will knock out Baer.

But talkers incessantly about his baby, son and what he is going to do to Farr for his sake. Bradhook thinks that Farr will win by a knock-out.—Reuter. Special.

## BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE IN EUROPE DEFINED

But Germany Wants To Talk Of Old Colonies Problem

London, March. 10. It is believed that Lord Halifax in a talk with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, to-day, outlined the attitude of the British Government towards the problems of Central Europe, particularly in Austria and Czechoslovakia.

The main purpose of the talks was to decide on an opportune moment to follow up the earlier contacts between Viscount Halifax, Sir Neville Henderson and Herr Adolf Hitler. It is believed the British Government is not less anxious for a settlement with Germany than with Italy.

The German view, however, is that colonies is the outstanding question between the two countries. Britain maintains that this is a subject in which other countries are concerned, and any discussion of the German colonial claim must be linked with the wider question of European peace.—Reuter.

#### TALKS LAST TWO AND A HALF HOURS

London, March 10. Herr von Ribbentrop talked with Viscount Halifax at the Foreign Office.—(Continued on Page 4.)

## BIG TASK CONFRONTS M. BLUM

Enormous Difficulties In Forming New Cabinet

Paris, Mar. 10. M. Leon Blum to-day struggled to form a Cabinet without repeating his former Communist supporters. Many Socialists, in addition to the Communists who hold 72 seats in the Chamber, demanded retention of the Popular Front, while the Radical Socialists withheld their support, pending M. Blum's definition of his financial and foreign policies, and the promise to "scuttle" the Communists.

M. Blum proposed a union of the Socialists so that the formation of the Government could be an "exact image of the Popular Front," thereby ensuring the inclusion of Communists in the Cabinet.

Following a conference with M. Albert Lebrun, the President, M. Blum said: "I will try to constitute a Government demanded by the circumstances which will be stable, durable, powerful and capable of ruling all the democratic forces."

M. Blum's difficulties are enormous. At the first place the Socialists insist upon the retention of the Popular Front. Secondly, M. Lebrun desired that M. Blum seek a majority of Socialists and Central Liberals, thus excluding extreme Rightists and thereby scrapping the Popular Front. Thirdly, in order to obtain Senate support and to obtain the investors' support for the Arms loan, M. Blum must apparently scuttle the Communists.

There are indications that he will make M. Camille Chautemps his Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos vice-premier, M. Jean Reynaud Minister of Finance, and retain M. Max Dorney as Minister of the Interior.—United Press.

## SMALLPOX UNABATED

Substantial increases in the number of smallpox cases reported to the local health authorities during the past three days may make the average for the current week the highest in the epidemic which has already claimed over 650 lives.

Another 33 cases were reported yesterday, 25 of these being in the residential area of Victoria, seven in Kowloon and one in Shaikwan.

The total number of cases since January 1 is 1,244, giving a mortality rate of over 70 per cent. A total of 162 cases have been reported in the past six days.

Two cases of diphtheria (one each in Victoria and Kowloon); two cases of typhoid (one each in Victoria and Kowloon); five cases of measles including one imported, (four in Victoria and one in Kowloon); four cases of meningitis (two each in Victoria and Kowloon); and two cases of dysentery in Victoria were also reported yesterday.

Shaikwan, Aberdeen, the New Territories and the Harbour were entirely free from notifiable diseases.

## STOP PRESS

With the sudden influx of diverted cargo it became imperative to build further accommodation in addition to the various leased godowns and spaces which had been acquired immediately. Accordingly three (Continued on Page 4.)

## PLOTTERS HATE HIM



This is Colonel Batista, Cuba's "Iron Man," and his wife is with him. Plotters against his strict regime want his life, and there has been a rumour spread lately, indignantly denied by Americans, that the enemies of the dictator are not unpopular with United States interests.

## SIR HENRY POLLOCK SUGGESTS SPLITTING GODOWN CO. SHARES

A request by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock that the Directors consider splitting the shares of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., which at present are \$50 each, in order to let in the small investor to "a steady and progressing business" was made at the 51st ordinary annual meeting in the Boardroom of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson this morning.

The forthcoming retirement of Mr. F. H. Crapnell, Secretary, was announced.

The report of the Chairman disclosed that the war influx forced the Company to build three new godowns to accommodate goods and these were erected within 21 days, no additional storage charges being imposed.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson presided and there were present Messrs. F. Austin, A. H. Compton, Hon. S. H. Dodwell, D. Drummond, J. H. Jessen, Hon. M. T. Johnson, L. Kadoorie, T. B. Wilson, (Directors); F. H. Crapnell (Secretary); Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Messrs. D. Mackenzie, A. Mackenzie, A. R. Fullerton, G. W. Sewell, D. F. Landale, N. V. A. Croucher, Kwok Hin-wang, C. L. Rickett, G. B. S. Thomson, Brent Smith, J. M. Alves and Lo Kai-wing (Shareholders).

The Chairman said: The outstanding feature of the year's working is the increase in revenue from all sources. As mentioned in the Report, earnings for the first half of the year had shown a decided increase over 1936 and then during the latter months receipts were further increased from the large quantities of cargo, consigned to other ports, which were forced on us. No increases in rates have been made since trouble in the north started.

#### DIVERTED CARGO

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## Federated Bank Of China Opens Its Doors

Peiping, Mar. 11. The China Federated Reserve Bank opened business this morning with appropriate ceremonies. The bank claims that within an hour \$1,000,000 were deposited. To-day \$3,000,000 of the new currency has been issued to the public.—Reuter.

## CHINESE NOT YET BEATEN

Frank Warning By Japan Militarists

Tokyo, Mar. 11. A strong warning against excessive eagerness to end the China "incident" before finding a radical solution of the problems involved, was voiced in a War Office pamphlet in commemoration of Army Day.

"Up to now," read the pamphlet, "the North China and Kiangnan areas, as far as Nanking have fallen into Japanese hands. These areas, however, make up only a section of the Chinese territory still under control of the National Government."

"With an enormous population and area many times larger than Japan's, China, not being a modern State, seemed to be suffering less acutely than a fully developed modern State, despite the severity in losses of both men and money. Because of these circumstances, China still plans long-term warfare even after the fall of Nanking. China is also receiving war supplies from a number of foreign powers which are anxious to safeguard interests and to weaken Japan by protracting the National Government's resistance. There seems to be a conspiracy to reduce the strength of the Japanese Empire, and it is well-known that the activities of the Soviet behind the scenes in China are an important factor in the plot."—Reuter.

#### WORK FOR THE MASSES NEEDED SAYS ECONOMIST

Dalren, Mar. 11. That the Provisional Government will grow to become the Central Government of China was the opinion expressed by newspapermen by Mr. Hiroo on his arrival here en route to Peiping to assume the post of economic adviser to the Japanese garrison in North China. Mr. Hiroo, who is a former Japanese Minister for Education, and President of the Japan Iron Manufacturing Company, added that it was urgently necessary to provide employment for the Chinese masses in North China in order to maintain peace and stability. Mr. Hiroo told his interviewers that a Sino-Japanese Economic Council, with Mr. Wang Keh-min, chairman of the executive commission of the Provisional Government, as chairman, was being established in order to improve Sino-Japanese economic relations.—Reuter Special.

## Four Japanese Planes Brought Down

Hankow, Mar. 11. Chinese aviation headquarters announce that four out of the 15 Japanese planes which raided the Shensi capital on March 8 were brought down by Chinese pursuit planes in two separate dog-fights. Two Japanese machines were shot down by the Chinese at Shian, while two were brought down by another Chinese squadron which was returning to Shian after raiding Fenglingtu on the north bank of the Yellow River, opposite Tungkwang.—Reuter.

## BOMB WRECKS TIENTSIN TRAIN

Peiping, Mar. 11. When two miles of the Tientsin East Station, a train from Tanghu to Tientsin was slightly damaged on February 28 when a bomb exploded under the engine of the train, it is just learned. The bomb, it is surmised, had been affixed to the rail, and exploded when the locomotive passed over it. The incident occurred at 7 o'clock in the evening. Although there were no casualties, considerable damage was done to the track at that point, and all windows in the cabin of the engine were smashed.—Reuter Special.





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Sudden contraction between sole and intersole causes that squeak which haunts us occasionally—usually the aftermath of sitting near the fire with damp shoes. Rub French chalk along the seams daily for a bit, allowing the fine powder to penetrate the seaming, and the skin gradually smooths down in tread.

SHOE cupboards need shuffling to meet the coming rains. And the way we step depends on our shoes.

Good service results from regular attention, no matter how wise or well-fitting our choice may be. Suitably dressed leathers stand up to storm and tough wear, but impoverished constitutions rarely resist them for long. Moral—don't overwork your footwear—alternate daily duties between two or more pairs so they have a chance to recuperate. Those in-between treatments, when shoes are off-duty, balance up the account.

Taking good fit and comfort for granted—though these lend poise and confidence beyond reckoning—our first duty is to keep shoes in shape. As they slip off, warm from our feet, fit them into well-made trees. Foot dummies are excellent, but the toe and heel kind are better than nothing. You can pad the toes of light pumps or indoor slippers if there are too few to go round.

Watch heel wear, too, as one foot frequently wears harder than the other, and may need strengthening.

HEAT, damp, and strong sunlight are leather's worst enemies, and in addition, shoes frequently have to contend with perspiration acids.

Heat causes shrinkage and cracking; so beware—habitual toe toasters—and watch shoe storage, too, if it should be near radiators or hot pipes. If you come home with damp shoes, allow them to dry off steadily in a current of air, rather than near artificial heat, which weakens the leather.

If they are very wet wipe them over with a piece of sponge, using Castle soapuds for mudmarks, then wipe with a cloth and leave to dry thoroughly before brushing and polishing with a good shoe cream. Heavy leathers need stronger "food" from polishes rather than creams, month.

By the way, there is nothing so responsive as a velvet rubber for daily wear, especially for town "promenade" shoes.

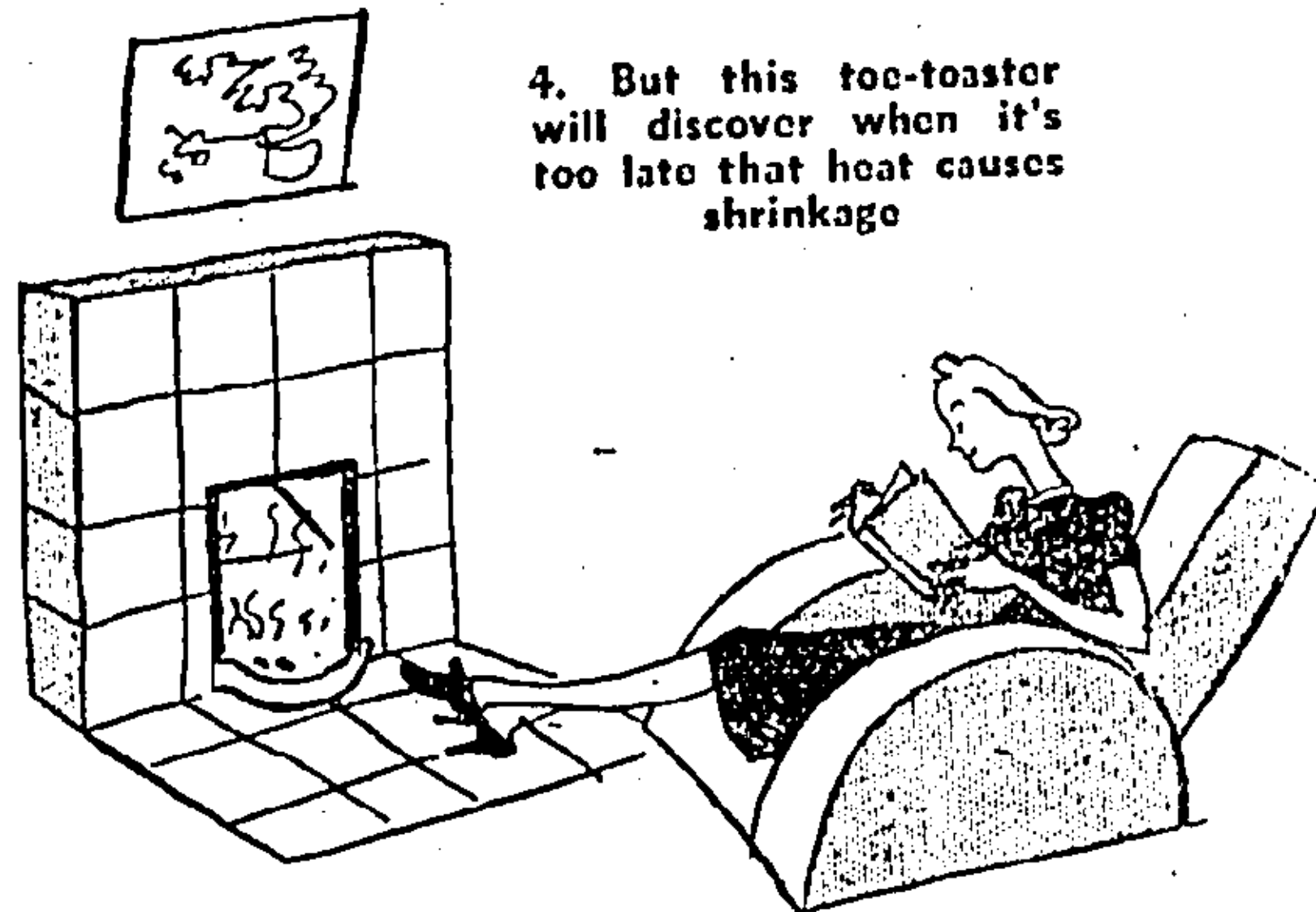
WATER stains have a way of developing in sodden or badly wetted shoes, that have been insufficiently dried. Warmth from the foot loosens the dye or tanning, and causes patchy stains which are extremely difficult to deal with. Prevention is always more practical than doubtful cure, especially when waterproofing short-circuits the risk of damp.

Country and sports shoes can be waterproofed very easily with special leather dubbin, but light town shoes in kid and finer leather are more of a problem. Those of us out and about in all weathers learn to watch footwear, so I have been treating uppers of my workaday pairs with spirit-bound dressing, which is very easy to apply and highly polishable afterwards. The solvent flows evenly into the welts and stitching, leaving a fine film of protecting grease that hardens for polishing, and only needs renewal once a month.

Suede shoes are warm for brisk, dry days, but they need constant greasing. Keep the nap raised for daily wear with a rubber brush, and if the friction marks begin to appear apply a small pad of fine steel wool

### BIT TO CUT OUT Peppermint Creams

INGREDIENTS: 1lb. icing sugar, white of one egg, a little cream of tartar, peppermint essence.  
Method: Crush the sugar until quite free from lumps and pass it through a sieve. Add the white of egg, cream of tartar, and a tablespoon of water, and work with a wooden spoon until smooth and pliable.  
Then add peppermint essence, drop by drop, to taste, turn on to a marble slab dusted with icing sugar, and knead for some minutes. Cover with greaseproof paper and stand for one hour. Roll out to 1/16 in. thick and cut into rounds. Leave for about thirty-six hours to harden.



4. But this too-toaster will discover when it's too late that heat causes shrinkage

with rotary motion, and they soon need little maintenance beyond regular creaming. Special cleaners are sold for light skins, because these tend to lose colour and turn dull brown.

Patent shoes should be given thorough feeding before they are taken into use. Slightly warmed vaseline smeared round the uppers at night protects the varnish and prevents early cracking. Remove popular, are very hard wearing, and and polish heartily in the morning.

Evening shoes are many and varied but metal kid or tinsel brocades are well to the fore. Gold or silver kid must be kept in black tissue wrappings to preserve lustre, but it may be occasionally sponged with small wads of cotton wool dipped in soap-suds and carefully dried.

Conditioning creams containing metal dust are sold for these shoes, which re-surface and feed the leather, too. They are quick to apply and prolong the life of these slippers very considerably.

DRY cleaning is best for tinsel materials, as these can be renovated with fine magnesia powder, which costs a few pence from the chemist. Incidentally, this powder comes in equally well for freshening white fur evening coats, so it earns its keep.

Revive satin shoes by wadding them with tissue paper and brushing lightly with warm soap-suds. Work the way of the grain, then rinse, dry and brush with a clean similar weight satin to renew the gloss. Satin dyes are obtainable for evening shoes, but professional treatment is expensive these days, and much surer.

Ann Marvel

## FISH for BREAKFAST

BAKED fish. In a buttered dish put alternate layers of fish and stale bread, seasoned with pepper and salt and covered with dots of butter. Moisten with stock made from fish-trimmings boiled with water which was used for cooking the fish. Make a top layer of dried breadcrumbs. Heat for fifteen minutes in a moderate oven.

HADDOCK steamed in milk in a closed pan is good. Sour milk can be used. Kippers soaked overnight in water, well drained in the morning before cooking, are much juicier and go further than if grilled straight away.

Fritters of mixed fish are easier than fish-cakes. Make a stiff white sauce with cornflour, flake the fish into it, season it well, and leave it to set overnight. Then slice it, egg-and-breadcrumb it, fry it.

FINGER-LENGTHS of raw fish, well-dried, egg, crumbed, and tried in very hot fat go a long way for little money, since the cheap cuts and kinds of fish can be used.

Kedgerie is neglected nowadays. Flaked fish, chopped hard-boiled egg, boiled rice, pepper, salt, a little milk. Only needs heating in the morning. (The rice must be very dry. Specially good with remains of salt haddock.)

## Have you a sore throat?

MANY people just now are complaining about sore throats. These may range from a mild inflammation to severe infection. So it is important to consult your doctor, as an early diagnosis is half the battle in cases of bad infection.

When the tonsils begin to swell, little points of matter exude from the crypts in the tonsils. Your doctor will take a swab of this matter and have it examined under the microscope to ascertain the particular type of infection from which you are suffering.

Diphtheria is quite distinct from other throat germs and the patient has definite symptoms. But sore throats due to streptococcal infection are not always easy to spot. Under the microscope the streptococci look like little straight links in a chain. Some strains of streptococci are more virulent than others and attack the bloodstream so that the patient may suffer from blood poisoning, a very serious state of affairs indeed.

DISEASES such as scarlet fever, erysipelas or puerperal fever may all be caused by streptococci. In puerperal fever women who have recently had a baby may have a sharp rise of temperature lasting for some days. Doctors and nurses are puzzled and anxious as to the source of infection in these cases because the strictest cleanliness and all aseptic precautions have been taken. Swabs are taken from the throats of all those in contact with the patient and sometimes the cause of the trouble becomes apparent. A nurse or a visitor may be harbouring the streptococci in her throat without feeling ill or out of sorts. She may, however, have had a sore throat for some time previously which did not make her feel ill.

By  
Family Doctor

Another form of treatment is by using serum. This is the watery straw-coloured fluid in the blood; it is used for injecting into patients who are suffering from a form of general blood poisoning due to streptococci.

This special anti-streptococcal serum has been prepared from cultures or growths of the particular disease from which the patient is suffering. It contains powerful antibodies which attack the germs and which increase the sufferer's resistance and give him or her a chance to recover. The serum is injected into the muscles or even into the veins in urgent cases. If given in time, there is usually a dramatic improvement, the whole condition becoming more normal and the temperature dropping.

Milder streptococcal infections leave the victim feeling ill and weak. If the condition is one of simple tonsillitis, gargling the throat with a weak antiseptic using throat lozenges with discretion and rest in bed will bring about a speedy cure.

Liquid nourishment in the form of eggs, milk and broths are helpful. When the blood is affected, a change of air, rest and suitable medicines are indicated. For skin blemishes due to streptococcal infection, treatment by a metallic colloid injected at regular intervals gives good results.

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### Hore Belisha Introducing Far-Reaching Reforms

London, Mar. 10.

More men are trying to join the British army than is required. This was revealed by Mr. Leslie Hore Belisha, War Minister, when introducing the Army Estimates to the House of Commons to-day. He added that they were applying at the rate of nearly 60,000 a year.

At the present time over 500,000 soldiers had been raised in Britain under the voluntary system, and they can be mobilised for action in the various fields of Britain's imperial responsibility. This figure excludes the 150,000 soldiers maintained in the Dominion, the Indian Army which, with reserve, is 170,000 strong, and the many thousands in the local forces of the colonies and protectorates.

"We suffer no difficulties in man-power," continued Mr. Hore Belisha, "but its correct organisation and distribution."

Discussing the considerations which impinge on the distribution of the army, Mr. Belisha pointed out that the number of units to be stationed in India is predetermined, and as an essential feature of the distribution was that units at Home were interchangeable with units in India, the pace of the re-adaptation of the rest of the British army was influenced by the speed in which the Government of India found itself able to proceed.

Continuing, Mr. Hore Belisha said the duty of defending England against an air attack was entrusted to the Territorials with a total establishment manning 76 batteries and 108 searchlight companies. Twenty-

eight British battalions were now stationed overseas, excluding India and Burma.

#### REVISION REQUIRED

Lord Haldane's strategic reserve of fixed division required revision in the light of developments, especially in the strengthening of defence methods. There should be two types of division, the first of which was motorised, based on the light machine gun, and the second a mechanised armoured division, based on the tank. Battalions of the former Division should each possess 50 Bren guns. The object underlying the changes was for an inflexible organisation of the regular forces at Home being capable of producing a greater number

## Four Japanese Planes Brought Down

Hankow, Mar. 11. Chinese aviation headquarters announce that four out of the 15 Japanese planes which raided the Shenai capital on March 8 were brought down by Chinese pursuit planes in two separate dog-fights. Two Japanese machines were shot down by the Chinese at Sian, while two were brought down by another Chinese squadron which was returning to Sian after raiding Fenglingtu on the north bank of the Yellow River, opposite Tungkwang.—*Reuter.*

### DR. SCHACHT APPOINTED REICHSBANK PRESIDENT

Berlin, Mar. 10. Herr Adolf Hitler, German Chancellor, has reappointed Dr. Hjalmar Schacht to be President of the Reichsbank for a period of four years.—*United Press.*

of divisions better suited to meet the commitments.

Mr. Hore Belisha asked why, unlike the Navy and the Air Force, should heads alone be counted in the Army, and fire-power and mobility discounted. He proposed measures to alter this. He mentioned the progressive elimination from soldiers' drill of all superfluous postures and superfluous gadgets requiring polish, and that new clothing be adapted for the soldiers' increasingly mechanised function.

#### WARRANT OFFICERS

A warrant officer to-day surely was capable of commanding a platoon, therefore he proposed to enlarge the complement of warrant officers by the creation of a new class of this soldier, and also to effect a reduction in subalterns, which in turn, would enable officers to rise more rapidly. The Government proposed to experiment with direct enlistment for twelve years with the colours, with certain prospects (subject to suitability) of being re-engaged for a pension.

Other financial benefits include four cumulative increments of three-pence per day at the end of the first, second, eighth and thirteenth years, in addition to a special 3d. increase for proficiency pay. There would be an increase in family allowance for married men over 26 to 17s. and additional allowances for children. The new rates would take effect on April 30.—*Reuter.*

## JAPANESE DEMANDS IGNORED

### Embassy Spokesman Explains Censorship

Shanghai, Mar. 11. After consultation with diplomatic and consular authorities in which it was pointed out that the Chinese censors when they were in control, never claimed the right to scrutinise copy before its issue from the foreign news agencies, it was decided to ignore the Japanese censors' demand, and not even to acknowledge it.

Later a Japanese Embassy spokesman announced that it was not necessary for foreign news agencies to adhere to the demand of the censors, at least insofar as it concerned agencies belonging to States with extraterritorial rights in Shanghai, that is *Reuter, United Press and Havas.* As regards agencies whose States had not extraterritorial rights, that is *Trans-Ocean and Tass*, the question was one which would have to be referred to and worked out between the agencies and the censorship bureau.—*Reuter.*

## SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks	
H.K. Banks, \$1,595/1,600 sa.	
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), 295 n.	
Chartered Banks, 212 n.	
Maritime Bank, A. and B., 229 n.	
Merchants Bank, C., 214 n.	
East Asia Bank, 285 n.	
Insurance	
Canton Ins., 275 n.	
Union Ins., 530 b.	
China Underwriters, 220/25 sa.	
H.K. Fire Ins., 247½ n.	
Shipping	
Douglas, 550½ n.	
H.K. Steamship, 111½ n.	
Indo-China (Prot.), 551 n.	
Indo-China (Def.), 543 n.	
Shell Bearer, 90/7½ n.	
Union Waterboats, 50.30 b.	
Docks etc.	
H.K. & W. Wharves, 140 b.	
H.K. W. Docks, 355¼/35 sa.	
Providents (old), 33½ b.	
Providents (new), 31.45 b. and sa.	
New Engineering, Sh. 53 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh. 100 n.	
Kailan Mining Adm., 10/3 n.	
Raub, 57.90 n.	
Venz, Goldfield, 4 n.	
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamoks, P. 55 sa.	
Aloks, P. 26 sa.	
Bangui Gold, P. 22 sa.	
Bonguet Consol., P. 9.80 sa.	
Bonguet Explor., —	
Big Wedge, P. —	
Coco Groves, P. 55 sa.	
Consolidated Mines, P. .011 sa.	
Demonstrations, P. .37 sa.	
E. Mindanao, P. —	
Gumaua Goldfields, P. —	
Ips Gold, P. —	
IXL, P. .75 sa.	
Itogus, P. —	
Masbate Consols., P. —	
Min. Resources, P. —	
Northern Min., P. —	
Paracale Gumaua, P. 22 sa.	
Salacot Mining, P. —	
San Mateo, P. 49 sa.	
Suyoc Consol., P. 18 sa.	
United Paracale, P. 41 sa.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, 7.15 sa.	
H.K. Lands, 335 sa.	
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben 100 b.	
Shai Lands, Sh. 57 n.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —	
Hampshire, 80½ b.	
H.K. Realities, 55.95 b.	
Chinese Estates, 95 b.	
China Realities, Sh. —	
China Deben, —	
Public Utilities	
H.K. Tramways, 15½ b.	
Peak Trams (old), 57 b.	
Peak Trams (new), 53½ n.	
Star Ferries, 559¼ b.	
Yau-mat Ferries (old), 227½ b.	
China Light (old), 12.50 b. and sa.	
China Light (new), 50.30 b.	
H.K. Electric, 550½ b. ex-div.	
Macao Electric, 109¼ n.	
Sandakan Lights, 13¼ n.	
Telephone (old), 27.30 b. ex. div.	
Telephone (new), 10.50 b. ex. div.	
China Buses, Sh. —	
Singapore Traction, 23/8 n.	
Singapore Pref., 23/8 n.	
Industrials	
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. 14¼ n.	
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. 12¼ n.	
Canton Ices, 1.70 n.	
Cement, 18.25 sa.	
H.K. Ropes 33½ n.	
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farm, 220 n.	
Watsons, 50.00 b. and sa.	
Lane Crawford, 49¼ n.	
Sinceres, 1.90 n.	
Wing On (H.K.), 339 n.	
William Powell, Ltd. 60 cts. n.	
Cotton Mills	
Ewo Cottons, Sh. 13.40 b.	
Shai Cotton (old), Sh. 72½ n.	
Zong Sing, Sh. —	
Wing On Textiles, Sh. —	
Miscellaneous	
H.K. Entertainments, 50.70 n.	
Constructions, 11¼ b.	
Vibro Piling, 55¼ n.	
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.Bds., 72% n.	
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 5% prm. sa.	
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 1½% prm. b.	
Wallace Harpers, 50¼ b.	
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.), s/- 17/8 n.	
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.), s/- 4/3 n.	

### £5,000,000 TO BE SPENT ON KING AND QUEEN

Paris, Mar. 10. President Albert Lebrun has signed a Bill providing for the special appropriation of £5,000,000 francs for the reception of the King and Queen, and for the cost of the

## Roosevelt Not Rushing Reform Plan

Washington, Mar. 10. It was indicated in the House of Representatives to-day that President Franklin Roosevelt would not ask for anti-monopoly legislation during the present session. It was revealed that President Roosevelt merely proposes that the House should study Trust problems if he decides to send a message to Congress on the subject.

It was stated that the House can complete its legislative programme by April 15, which coincides with the indications that Congress may adjourn on June 1.

In his last message to Congress, President Roosevelt recommended a six-year programme for the utilisation and conservation of the nation's water resources at a cost of U.S. \$2,111,091,000. This would involve work on flood control, irrigation, water-power rivers, harbour improvement, recreational waters and wild-life conservation.—*United Press.*

## OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Firefly" (Klang Theatre, to-day).—Adaptation of the famous Otto Harbach-Rudolph Frim opera with Jeanette MacDonald and Allan Jones in the principal singing roles. Rich music and brilliant uniforms of the Napoleonic period made this film an outstanding success.

"Ever Since Eve" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—The theme is by no means original, but the director and the two stars, Marlon Davies and Robert Montgomery, have succeeded in lifting the film up to a high standard of entertainment. It succeeds not so much on the plot itself, for the moves very often are known beforehand, as on the fine treatment of the stars and the supporting cast which includes Frank McHugh, Allan Jenkins and Patsy Kelly.

"The Perfect Specimen" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Errol Flynn is the ideal hero for such a story. Nevertheless a little more intelligent acting would have made his role much more entertaining to the audience. As it is, most of the laughs are supplied by Joan Blondell. Still, the film is above the average standard and should find a wide appeal.

"Fit For a King" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—A Joe E. Brown picture. If you like the star, you'll like this show, which has plenty of laughs.

"It's All Yours" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Though Madeleine Carroll and Francis Lederer are ostensibly the stars, acting honours go to Mischke Auer in the role of the martyring count. It is a light picture but definitely entertaining in parts.

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consideration of written state-  
ments, request the writers of  
such statements as appear help-  
ful or relevant to appear and  
give oral testimony before it at  
the Urban Council Chamber (top  
floor, Post Office Building), at  
such time and date as may be  
notified.

All communications should be  
addressed to The Secretary, Rents  
Commission, C/o. Secretariat for  
Chinese Affairs, and will be  
treated as confidential if desired.

R. J. MINNITT,

Secretary, Rents Commission.

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## Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary  
General Meeting of Shareholders  
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undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th  
March, 1938, at Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of  
the General Managers, together  
with a statement of Accounts for  
the year ended the 31st December,  
1937.

The Share Register and Trans-  
fer Books will be closed from the  
15th to the 29th March, 1938, both  
days inclusive.

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General Managers,  
The Hongkong Fire Insurance  
Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

FIRING PRACTICE  
ANNOUNCED

Firing practice will take place  
seaward from the neighbourhood of  
Fing Lung Wan on April 3, 1938,  
between the hours of nine and three  
during the day.

The area in which firing will take  
place is bounded by the following:—  
South point of Jin Island, Collinson  
Head (Bluff Island), Steeplehead  
(Basalt Island), Trio Islands, Lung  
Ha Wan Point, Ngam Tau Sha, to  
south point of Shelter Island, thence  
to South point of Jin Island.

G. R.  
1938-1939

Sealed Tenders will be received  
at the Royal Naval Hospital, until  
10 a.m. on the 16th. March, 1938,  
from persons desirous of supply-  
ing Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork,  
Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and  
other provisions and necessities,  
for the year ending 31st March,  
1939.

Printed Forms of Tender and  
further particulars can be obtain-  
ed at the R. N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest

or any tender is reserved.

G. D. G. FERGUSON,

Surgeon Captain,

Medical Officer in Charge.

Royal Naval Hospital,

Hong Kong.

10th. March, 1938.

## G. R.

## PARTICULARS &amp; CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction  
to be held on Monday, the 14th  
day of March, 1938, at 3 p.m.,  
at the Offices of the Public  
Works Department, by Order of  
His Excellency the Governor of  
one Lot of Crown Land at  
Repulse Bay, in the Colony of  
Hong Kong, for a term of 75  
years, with the option of  
renewal at a Crown Rent to be  
fixed by the Surveyor of His  
Majesty the KING, for one  
further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised  
that immediately after the dis-  
posal of the lot the Purchaser  
(if not the applicant) will be  
required to deposit with an  
authorised officer who will be  
present at the sale, the sum of  
two hundred dollars, (\$200) in  
cash. This sum will be refunded  
on payment of the Purchase  
price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Register No.	Locality	Measurements	Area in Sq. Feet	Area in Acres	Area in Roods	Area in Poles	Area in Perches
1	100	Repulse Bay	As per plan.	30,000	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.00



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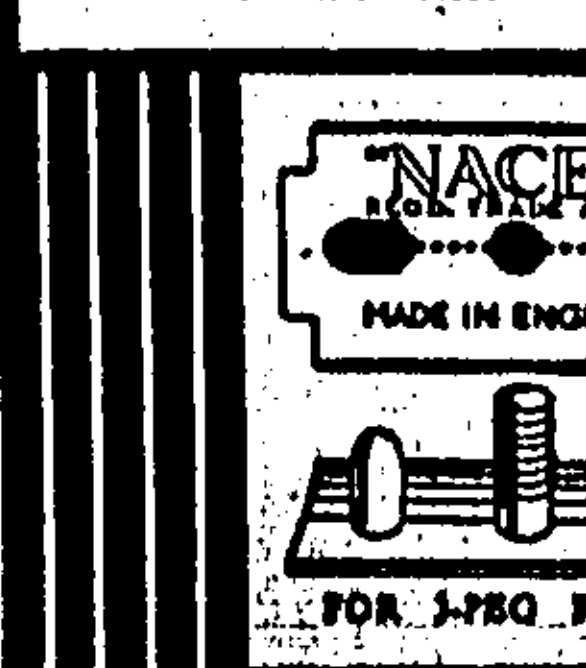
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SIR HENRY POLLOCK  
SUGGESTS SPLITTING  
GODOWN CO. SHARES

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godowns, of light construction  
were built, at a cost of \$111,000, to  
ease the situation as much as pos-  
sible. These buildings were erected  
in something like record time, for  
from date of commencement they  
were ready for occupation within 21  
days; the total capacity of the three  
being 22,000 tons.

We were fortunate to escape  
serious damage from the typhoon  
which passed over the Colony during  
the night of September 1, last. All  
launches and lighters were safely in  
shelter. No. 1 wharf was slightly  
damaged by a steamer drifting on  
to it. Otherwise your Kowloon prop-  
erty was little the worse. The wharf  
at West Point, being in a more ex-  
posed position, lost most of the deck-  
ing and a number of piles whilst the  
house of four houses attached to the  
West Point Godowns were blown  
away. Part of the cost of repairs  
was recovered under insurance.

## HUGE TONNAGE

During the year 908,000 tons of  
cargo were landed from 1,255  
steamers, this is an increase of 238,  
520 tons over the previous year  
whilst there was a decrease of 86 in  
the number of vessels to discharge.  
Turning to the accounts you will  
notice that \$22,200 have been ex-  
pended on Lighters and there is a sum  
of \$70,800 outstanding. This expendi-  
ture represents a contract for 12  
new lighters now being built to add  
to our fleet. The necessity for this  
addition has become increasingly ap-  
parent during the year existing craft  
have been fully employed and we  
have from time to time been com-  
pelled to hire outside craft to cope  
with work afloat.

A considerable amount of extra  
work was carried out by the staff  
during the abnormal conditions  
which obtained during the last five  
months of the year, and in view of  
this, the Directors decided to grant  
a special bonus which is shown in the  
Profit & Loss Account.

## DIVIDEND PAID

In view of the satisfactory result of  
last year's working your Directors  
decided to provide an additional  
\$100,000 for depreciation of the  
concrete wharf which stood in the  
booming high figure.

The balance available for appor-  
tion is \$1,164,411.05 which in-  
cludes the amount of \$208,023.14  
brought forward from previous year.  
Your Directors recommend that the  
dividend be dealt with as follows:  
Pay a dividend of \$8.50  
per share ..... \$ 765,000.00  
Transfer to Repairs &  
Renewals A/C ..... 150,000.00  
Carry forward to next  
account ..... 249,411.05

\$1,164,411.05

I now beg to propose that the Re-  
port and Accounts as presented be  
adopted. When this has been second-  
ed I shall be pleased to answer to  
the best of my ability any questions  
shareholders may wish to put.  
In seconding the Report and Ac-  
counts, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock  
said: The magnificent figures be-  
fore us make my task an easy one,  
but I should like to congratulate the  
Directors on this fine report of the  
year's work and to say that the share-  
holders approve wholeheartedly of  
the bonus given to the staff for their  
hard work through the trying year  
they have had.

On this question of the staff, I  
should further like to express the  
gratitude of the shareholders to our  
retiring Secretary, Mr. Crapnell, who  
has for so many years looked after  
our interests. We wish him long  
years of happiness in the Old Coun-  
try.

## SHARE SPLITTING

There is one point I should like to  
mention and that is a subject on  
which I have addressed a letter to  
the Board of Directors; it is the  
question of splitting shares. I hope  
I will receive the due consideration  
of the Directors, as I feel that in a  
good, steady and progressing Com-  
pany like this there is no risk in  
letting in small investors and no risk  
of rigging the market. There is no  
reason why the small investors  
should not be let in in a good steady  
business of this sort.

I beg to second the adoption of the  
Report and Accounts.

The Chairman should like to  
express the gratitude of myself and  
the Directors to Mr. Crapnell and our  
sorrow at his departure. I was go-  
ing to say more but Mr. Crapnell  
asked me not to, so all I can do is to  
endorse what Sir Henry Pollock has  
said and wish him luck.

The matter Sir Henry has referred  
to will receive our attention.

The Report and Accounts were  
adopted.

Confirmation of the appointment of  
the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell as Direc-  
tor was proposed by Mr. Sewell and  
seconded by Mr. Thomson and ap-  
proved.

The re-election of the retiring  
Directors, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr.  
Jessen, Mr. Kadoorie and Mr. Wil-  
son was approved on the motion of  
Mr. Landale seconded by Mr. Crou-  
cher.

The re-election of Messrs. Percy  
Smith, Seth & Fleming as auditors  
for the coming year was approved  
on the motion of Mr. Rickett second-  
ed by Mr. Alvar. Mr. West near the  
Wing Lok Wharf, Inspector W.  
Mair, prosecuted.

CAUGHT WITH LOTTERY  
TICKETS

A fine of \$50 or a month's hard  
labour in default was the sentence  
given Ho Kam, 48, unemployed, by  
Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central  
Magistrate's court this morning, for  
the possession of 28 pe-pu lottery tickets  
at "Connaught Road" West near the  
Wing Lok Wharf, Inspector W.  
Mair, prosecuted.

AUSTRIA THREATEN-  
ED WITH CIVIL WAR

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vinced that the plebiscite on Sunday  
will result in a decisive majority for  
Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, the  
Chancellor even if the Nazis voted  
"No" to the question whether they  
back the government independence  
policy.

The Nazi provincial centres have  
telegraphed President Miklas and  
Herr Seyssingquart protesting that the  
plebiscite is unconstitutional.

Herr Seyssingquart and Dr.  
von Schuschnigg were engaged in  
negotiations to-day which were  
stated to be partly political and  
partly economic. It is believed that  
Herr Seyssingquart's hand in this  
connection has been greatly streng-  
thened by the arrival from Berlin of  
Herr Keppler, Secretary of State and  
Herr Hitler's economic adviser, who  
is believed to have brought a message  
from Herr Hitler.

It is understood Herr Seyssingquart  
told Dr. von Schuschnigg that he  
could not tolerate "boishivation of  
the Fatherland Front" when refer-  
ring to the Government negotiations  
for the support of the workers, and  
Herr Hitler was of the same mind.  
It is suggested that the Nazis are  
demanding other Government posi-  
tions, and considerable pressure is  
being brought to bear on this.

Meanwhile, instructions have been  
issued to the Nazis to abstain  
from voting on Sunday, with the  
slogan: "Unless a contrary order is  
given on Saturday evening."

It is generally believed that the  
demands made by Herr Seyssingquart  
to Dr. von Schuschnigg included,  
firstly, the postponement of the  
plebiscite to give time for a Nazi  
propaganda campaign; secondly two  
more Cabinet posts to be given to  
the Nazis.

Herr Keppler is understood to have  
pressed for acceptance of Germany's  
scheme for economic co-operation  
with Austria, involving an extensive  
plan of barter of Austrian agricul-  
tural products for German arma-  
ments, and a substantial diversion  
of Austrian raw materials to Ger-  
many. The Austrians have hitherto  
resisted this demand.—Reuter.

## RUMOURS OF PUTSCH

Berlin, Mar. 10.

According to an unconfirmed re-  
port from Rome, because of the  
Austrian developments Herr Hitler  
possibly will not visit Signor Musso-  
lini in May, but official quarters in  
Berlin brand the report as ridiculous.  
A Vienna message says that heavy  
cordons of police are stationed at all  
approaches to the Chancellery, which  
has given rise to rumours that a  
putsch is feared.—United Press.

## VIENNA DISTURBANCES

Vienna, Mar. 10.

One hundred foreigners were left  
mourned in shops when the police  
closed the Kaerntner Strasse, main  
shopping street in Vienna during  
rioting. They used rubber black-  
jacks to disperse the Nazi demon-  
strators.—United Press.

THREE HELD IN  
MURDER MYSTERY

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on the Mid-Levels on December 29  
last.

Mohammed Din's revolver, a Smith  
& Wesson .38 calibre service weapon,  
was stolen after he was battered into  
unconsciousness by unknown as-  
sailants, who crept upon him un-  
awares. He recovered from his in-  
juries and was discharged from  
Queen Mary hospital in January.

First intimation of the Cave  
tragedy came from Huen Kon-hing in  
a nearby roadway, where he was found  
by a pedestrian and taken to the  
Bay View Police Station. Huen  
collapsed at the station, but revived  
sufficiently to make a statement to  
detectives, who arrived there a few  
minutes after the crime was reported.

Three men are to appear at the  
Central Magistracy to-morrow on  
serious charges relating to the find-  
ing of the body of Huen Kon-hing in  
a cave in the hills near the A.P.C.  
Installation at North Point. Police  
are likely to ask for a remand after  
charges have been made.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE  
IN EUROPE DEFINED

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Office to-day, the conversations last-  
ing nearly two and a half hours,  
which was longer than expected. The  
German Foreign Minister was accom-  
panied by the German Charge  
d'Affaires.—Reuter Bulletin.

## RIBBENTROP DISCONCERTED

London, Mar. 10.

Herr von Ribbentrop returned to  
the German Embassy from the  
Foreign Office amid hisses from the  
crowd. It is reliably stated that the  
German Foreign Minister is concern-  
ed that his absence from Berlin coin-  
cides with the Austrian plebiscite,  
which according to the Evening Star,  
"completely surprised him."

The Austrian plebiscite is regarded  
as being of far more immediate im-  
portance than the prospective Ger-  
man talks in London.—United  
Press.

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## INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Imperial Direct Service"—London date, Airways Plane .....	March 11.	
2nd March.		
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Fran- Pan-American Airways Plane .....	March 11.	
cisco date, 2nd March .....		
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila—		
Seattle date, 12th. February.	Pres. Jackson .....	March 11.
Straits and Manila .....	Conte Biancamano .....	March 12.
Shanghai and Swatow .....	Chedang .....	March 12.
Japan .....	Helyo Maru .....	March 12.
Manila .....	Neptuna .....	March 12.
Japan and Formosa .....	Suwa Maru .....	March 12.
Straits .....	Anshun .....	March 12.
Japan .....	Malacca Maru .....	March 13.
Manila .....	Prometheus .....	March 13.

## OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Friday		
Manila .....	Malayan Prince Fri., Mar. 11, 5 p.m.	
Tientsin .....	Cyclops .....	Fri., Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
*Straits and Calcutta .....	Talma .....	Fri., Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
	Parcels, .....	Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord., .....	Mar. 12, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Hono- lulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan- American Airways Direct Service" —due San Francisco, 10th March.	Pan-American Airways Plane.....	Frid., Mar. 11. K.F.O. Reg., .....Mar. 11, 5 p.m. Ord., .....Mar. 11, 5 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., .....Mar. 11, 5 p.m. Ord., .....Mar. 12, 6 a.m.
Saturday		
Samshui and Wuchow .....	Chungon .....	Sat., Mar. 12, 8.15 a.m.
Shanghai .....	Conte Biancamano .....	Sat., Mar. 12, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow, and Chengtu etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit)	Eurasia Plane .....	Sat., Mar. 12. G.P.O. and K.F.O. Reg., .....Mar. 12, 9.30 a.m. Ord., .....Mar. 12, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Ser- vice"—due Amsterdam, 22nd Mar.	Suwa Maru .....	Sat., Mar. 12. G. P. O. and K. P. O. Reg., .....Mar. 12, 9.30 a.m. Ord., .....Mar. 12, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Mar- sailles, April 10.	Suwa Maru .....	Fri., Mar. 11. G. P. O. and K. P. O. Reg., .....Mar. 12, 8.45 a.m. Ord., .....Mar. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Kongmoon .....	Fook On .....	Sat., Mar. 12, 10 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy .....	Cremer .....	Sat., Mar. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Formosa .....	Hongkong Maru .....	Sat., Mar. 12, 2.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and "Europe via Victoria B.C."—due Victoria B.C., 1st April and "Europe via Siberia.	Pres. Jackson .....	Sat., Mar. 12. Parcels, .....Mar. 12, 3 p.m. Reg., .....Mar. 12, 4.15 p.m. Ord., .....Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Ser- vice."	C.N.A.C. Plane .....	Sat., Mar. 12. Kowloon P.O. Reg., .....Mar. 12, 5 p.m. Ord., .....Mar. 12, 5 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., .....Mar. 12, 5 p.m. Ord., .....Mar. 13, 6 a.m.



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## 600 Chinese Officials Arrested

Chiang Kai-shek's Punishment

Hankow, Mar. 10.  
Gendarmerie authorities in-  
formed the *United Press* to-day  
that 600 Government officials, in  
accordance with Generalissimo  
Chiang Kai-shek's strict war-  
time orders, have been arrested  
during the past fortnight.Their offence is said to be  
gambling, dancing and paying  
too much attention to girls.Each official has been held for  
three days and made to help  
build roads and to repair damage  
to aerodromes.—*United Press*.

## Vital Meeting Of Fascist Grand Council

Rome, March 10.  
Italy's relations with foreign  
powers, especially Britain, will be  
the first subject to be discussed when  
the Fascist Grand Council meets  
under the presidency of Signor Benito  
Mussolini.Count Grandi, Ambassador to  
Britain, who returned from London  
especially to attend the meeting, is  
expected to report on his recent talks  
with Mr. Neville Chamberlain and  
Viscount Halifax. A communiqué  
will be issued after midnight.—  
*Reuter*.

## IN ANGLO-IRISH PARLEY

London, Mar. 10.  
The Anglo-Irish negotiations were  
again confined to trade talks accord-  
ing to official Irish circles. Progress  
is still very difficult and the chances  
of failure or success remain about  
equal.  
It is now practically certain that  
the talks will proceed until March  
15, and that the Irish delegation will  
return to Dublin the following day.  
—*Reuter*.

## "CORONATION EXPRESS" FOR WORLD DISPLAY

London, Mar. 10.  
The L.M.S. Coronation Express  
will be sent to the world exhibition  
in the United States next year, de-  
clared Sir Josiah Stamp, chairman  
of the railway company. After a visit  
to the United States, the train will  
be sent to Canada on an exhibition  
run across the Dominion.—*Reuter*  
*Bulletin*.

## EXCHANGE RATES

	Mar. 8	Mar. 9
Paris	137.15/32	138.20/32
Geneva	21.00 1/2	21.00
Berlin	12.41 1/2	12.41 1/2
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	95 1/4	95 1/4
Oslo	10.00	10.00
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.42	19.42
Helsingfors	220 1/4	220 1/4
Shanghai	1/2 1/4	1/2 1/4
New York	5.01 1/4	5.01 1/4
Vienna	28 1/2	28 1/2
Amsterdam	8.00 3/4	8.00 3/4
Prague	142 3/4	142 3/4
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/4	110 1/4
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/6 1/4	1/6 1/4
Montreal	5.01 3/4	5.01 3/4
Brussels	29.02 1/2	29.02 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	210	210
Bucharest	677 1/2	677 1/2
Montevideo	21 1/4	21 1/4
Rio de Janeiro	2 1/4	2 1/4
Silver (Spot)	20 1/2	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	19 1/2	19 1/2
War Loan	103	103

—*British Wireless*.

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

YESTERDAY'S CABLED QUOTATIONS

	London, Mar. 10.	Mar. 9.	Mar. 10.
War Loan 3 1/2% (Red.)	4103	4103	
after 1932)	22	24	
Canton-Kowloon Ry. 5%	77	77 1/2	
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan,	71	72	
1928 (British Issue)	71	72	
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds,	71	72	
1925-27	71	72	
Chinese 4 1/2% Anglo-	71	72	
French Loan, 1928	71	72	
Chinese 5% Crap Loan,	71	72	
1912	71	72	
Chinese 5% Georg. Loan,	71	72	
1913 (Ldn. Is.)	71	72	
Chinese 5% Sterling	71	72	
Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	71	72	
Chinese Imperial Ry. 5%	71	72	
Loan	71	72	
Honan Ry. 1905	71	72	
Chinese Ry. 5% 1911	71	72	
Hukuang Ry. 5% 1911	71	72	
(German Issue)	71	72	
Lunghai Ry. 5% 1911	71	72	
Shanghai-Nanking Ry.	71	72	
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5%	71	72	
(Brit. Stpd.)	71	72	
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5%	71	72	
(Ger. Stpd.)	71	72	
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5%	71	72	
(Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	71	72	
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5%	71	72	
(Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	71	72	
Japan 5% Sterling Loan,	71	72	
1907	71	72	
Japan 5% Sterling Loan,	71	72	
1924	71	72	
German 5% International	71	72	
Loan, 1924	71	72	
Chartered Bank of L.A.	71	72	
& C. (Ldn. Reg.)	71	72	
H.K. & S. Banking	71	72	
Corp. (Col. Reg.)	71	72	
Chinese Engineering &	71	72	
Mining (Beiser)	71	72	
Chosen Corporation	71	72	
Pekin Syndicate	71	72	
Shanghai Elec. Construc-	71	72	
tion Co.	71	72	
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## INDIA'S "NO" TO FINANCE BILL

New Delhi, Mar. 10.  
The Indian Finance Bill which  
was rejected by the Assembly yester-  
day was brought up again to-day with  
the Governor-General's recommen-  
dations that it be passed. However,  
the Legislature again refused to  
adopt the Bill.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

## CUBAN PLOT STORY RIDICULED

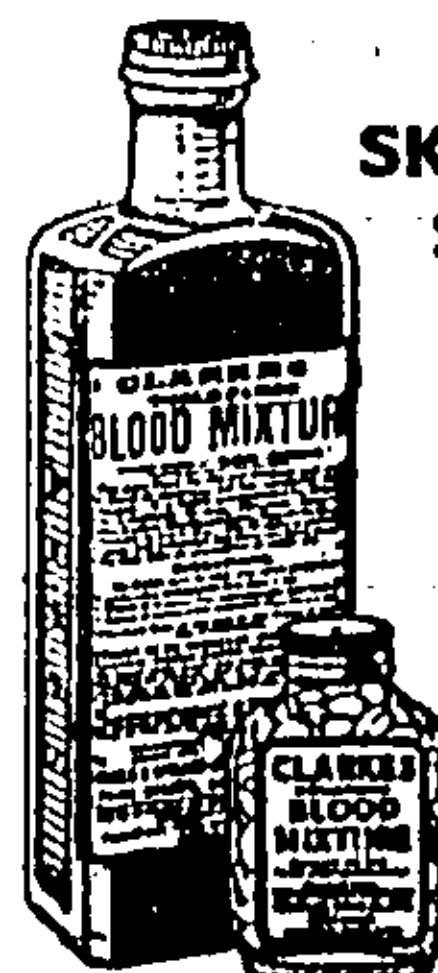
Havana, Mar. 10.  
Ambassador Wright to-day termed  
as "grotesquely false," alleged  
claims by Cuban opportunists that  
the United States would support a  
plot to overthrow the Cuban Gov-  
ernment.—*United Press*.

## SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected  
to be in wireless communication  
with Hongkong radio: Suwa Maru,  
Cheldang, Heiyo Maru, Agamemnon,  
Conte Blancumano, Neptun, Malacca  
Maru, Anshun, Mabuhaji, Talyun,  
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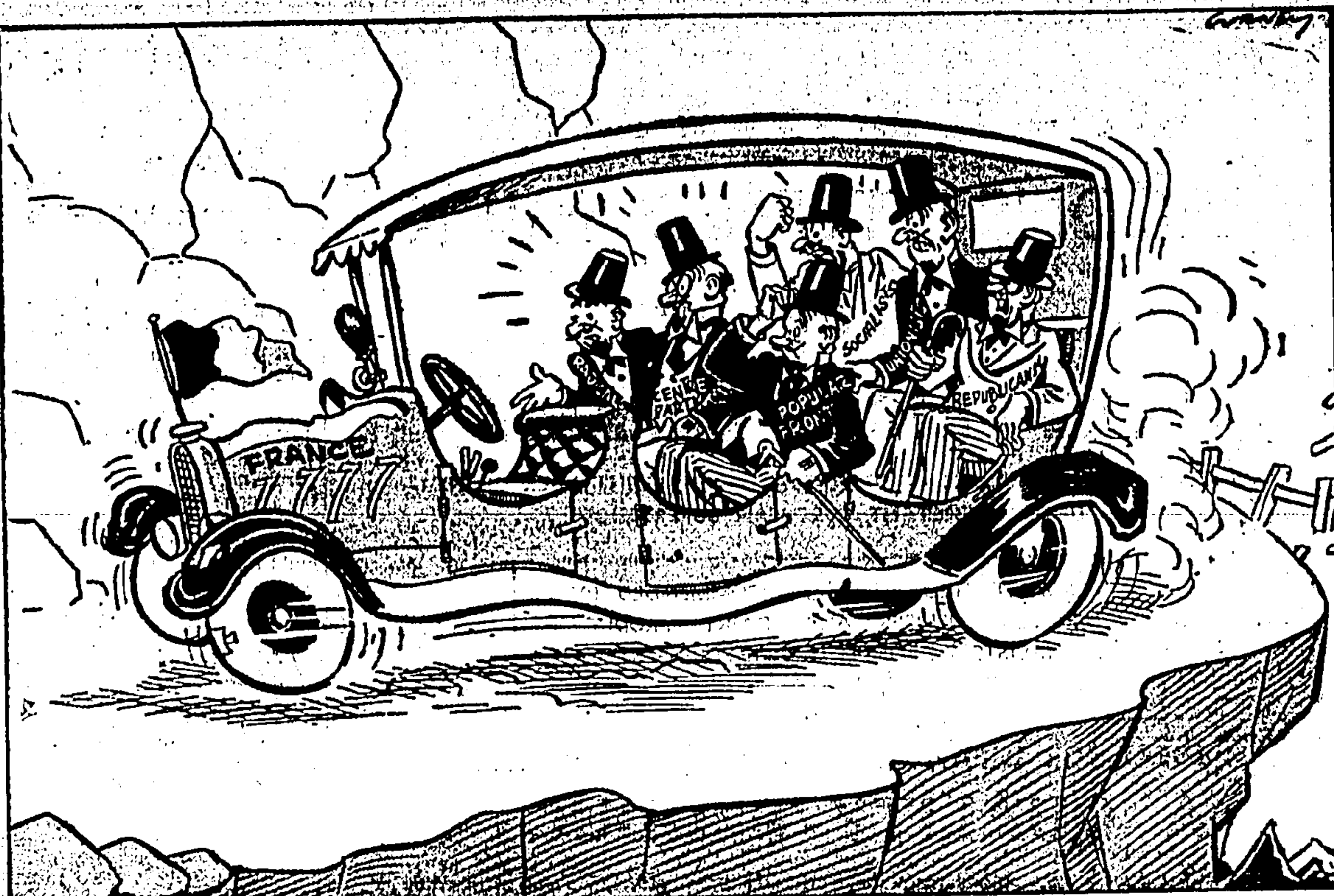
### COMPLICATIONS MAY BE PAINFUL

The principles involved in the current dispute between Great Britain and the United States in connection with sovereignty of two little mid-Pacific islands, are interesting. One way or another it is possible that the settlement will involve the establishment of a precedent. Roughly the two powers concerned must decide what constitutes defence of a claim to sovereignty; whether discovery or occupation provides the best proof of possession.

Looking at the thing from a common-sense point of view, and applying the rules of ownership which are accepted in general by civilised society, it would not seem that a settlement is difficult. But experience has shown that governments make things hard for themselves in dealings of this kind; and all too frequently such trivial beginnings have brought painful and even dangerous complications in their train.

To argue that discovery constitutes the chief claim to ownership seems a little bit unreasonable. Particularly might acceptance of this thesis be embarrassing to the United States, for the world has not yet forgotten Columbus. Surely it is plain that occupation must have the most important bearing upon questions of ownership. Occupation pre-supposes some sort of development. If sovereignty is not immediately challenged when occupation is first attempted, it must be taken that there is no objection. If a government suddenly realises that the land in question has some particular value either as an air base or naval station and belatedly contests ownership, the onus is positively upon the party not in occupation. The same argument holds good in a case where an island has been abandoned. In fact, it boils down to a simple statement:

Unprotested occupation of such islands as these in dispute, providing it is generally known and not kept secret, should establish sovereignty beyond any



### BACK SEAT DRIVERS

—Apologies to Gurney in Melbourne Herald

# French Premiers don't last

**F**IVE HUNDRED AND ONE to one is as handsome a majority as a Government could desire. And if arithmetic went for anything in French politics Premier Chautemps should have been fairly sure of a long innings.

But arithmetic goes for little enough. In the Chamber big majorities can melt overnight. Nor, contrarily, could one argue that the Chautemps Cabinet, drawn from a minority, was sure to crash quickly.

You never quite know. It is as uncertain as cricket; whether as glorious is matter of taste.

How is it? I have been asked the question a score of times in the past fortnight—that, on the whole and comparatively, British Governments are so stable, French Governments so unstable?

The average life of a French Government in the nearly 70 years of the Third Republic is, I believe, rather under six months;—in the same period the average life of a British Government is between three and four years.

Roughly, the "systems" are the same. The Government is responsible to the directly-elected House. It lasts while it has a majority. Beaten on a major issue it resigns.

Yet the result in the two countries is so different. Why?

First reason I think is this: that there is, in the two Constitutions, a difference which, not very important at first sight, has far-reaching consequences. It is in the law and custom about dissolving Parliament.

**I**N Great Britain, the Crown (which is in practice the Prime Minister) can dissolve Parliament at any moment.

Now in France that is not so. Under Article 5 of the Constitution, the President can dissolve the Chamber only with the assent of the Senate.

But that assent is not easy to get. And in practice the power is never used. It has, indeed, only been used once—by President MacMahon in 1877.

Since then every French Chamber has lived out its full term.

Now that has a profound effect on the relation between a Government and its supporters. The British Member of Parliament knows that a successful revolt against the Government on some single issue means almost certainly a dissolution. He will have to face the expense of a new election, in which he may lose his seat and his Party its majority.

**E**VEN leaving personal considerations aside, he may endanger all sorts of other policies and bills on which he is quite as keen as on the particular issue on which he is agitating the Government. It makes him cautious.

So, for instance, the Irish Nationalists, for the sake of Home Rule, kept Asquith in power from 1910 to the war, though they hated much that the Liberals did.

Now the French deputy who gets annoyed with a Premier: he has been supporting him for no such qualms. If he helps to defeat, say, M. Chautemps, he is in no danger of a dissolution. He is there for the duration.

M. Chautemps can swallow the pill or resign. It is his right. His supporters must say if they mean to follow him.

Latest in a very long line of French premiers, M. Chautemps says a few words to the Paris Press.

politically, not financially) support from the same Chamber.

So, whereas, in England, the Government tends to be master of a House it can always kill, in France the Chamber is master of a Government. It can always kill. The House is responsive to the discipline of the Whips: the Chamber knows no such discipline.

That is difference the first.

Difference the second is that whereas in a British Parliament there are usually only two or three parties which matter, in France there is normally a whole series of groups, sometimes rather ill-defined.

When dissident groups do form themselves here, they always tend after a while to merge again into one of the bigger parties.

**T**HE Feilletes who broke away from the Tories fused with the Liberals. Chamberlain's Liberal Unionists were absorbed by the Conservatives. Present-day "Nat-Libs" and "Nat-Labs" are going the same way.

It is, in part, a consequence of the same cause. Just as the individual, so the group, here, cannot chop and change so easily.

It finds itself always supporting the Government, and compromising over differences in order to do so, and so the differences gradually fade.

The alternative to X is the entirely opposite Y, plus the risks of an election. In France the immediate alternative is the not very different Z. So the groups have their freedom and keep their separate existence. And because they are many, the discipline is less and the gradations easier, individuals pass more easily from one to another.

Leaving one's party is a serious matter here. In France, far more usual, it is the number of Socialists and Communists who have "gone over" to M. Millerand.

Brant, Laval, Paul-Boncour, for example.

Other things help. The fact that in the Chamber the seats, instead of facing each other as Government benches and Opposition benches, are ranged in a semi-circle, grading, without any sharp frontier line, from "extreme right" to "extreme left," has some psychological effect. The electoral system, too, helps to create the group system. It has varied much in the history of the Republic. But always it has had other some rough sort of "P.R." or else the second ballot.

Either is favourable to minority groups which the British method tends to bludgeon or intimidate into impotence.

Again, there is something in national temperament. The Frenchman is far more individual, far less infected than the Englishman with "team spirit."

They say that nothing like the Tiller Girls has ever been produced by the French stage: there is in French politics more than a touch of the same reluctance to subordinate one's own personality to the interests of one's "side."

Finally, there is an historical reason. The average Englishman has a hankering for a "strong" Government. The average Frenchman still rather dreads it.

The Third Republic came into being on the wreck of the Second Empire. It has always been haunted—if dimly—by the fear of a new Bonapartism.

**I**N a way the working of French Parliamentary institutions is more democratic than the British. The supremacy of Parliament is more constantly and effectively asserted.

But the price paid for that is, inevitably, a comparative instability of French Governments, which has its disadvantages; though foreigners who judge that Cabinet instability and continual change must necessarily mean national weakness deceive themselves badly.

Which is the better way, the British or the French? Chautemps says: "Each nation to its taste."

### THE "VERY IDEA"

## HAVING NO DOLLARS IS CENTSLESS TO US (Joke)

By Eddie Kelly, Pauper

**C**LUTTERED up with millionaires, Hongkong is, with all these Empress of Britain tourists in port.

Anyway, wealth is a curse, curse it. Especially when you can't get it.

Sordid money-grubbing never appeals to us. On pay days we shudder when we handle the filthy stuff.

Just dross, that's what it is. It brings out one's worst instincts, and lowers one to the level of beasts of the field.

That's why we never have any money. We're too sensitive. All our friends haven't got any money either.

There's going to be a terrible death until the next Irish Sweep. We, for one, shall have to swim across the harbour to work on and after our current ferry ticket expires on March 31.

Still, there's one thing about being poor—you can die with dignity. There'll be no bickering of relatives and legatees at our graveside when we pass into the Great Beyond.

Talians will just tear up our shirts, stand a moment in silent grief, and pass on bickering to themselves.

We don't see what else they can do. Unless one of those British passengers comes to die on a beach or pier.



## DUCHESS STRUCK AT BUOY

Haruna Maru Hits Warship, Doing Slight Damage

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Haruna Maru, while proceeding slowly through the harbour this morning, collided with H.M.S. Duchess, which was moored at Buoy No. 8, off the Naval Yard.

It was not a heavy impact, and caught the destroyer on her starboard bow. Damage is reported to be very slight, but no details of the mishap are yet available.

The naval authorities laconically announced, when questioned, that the collision occurred at 7.15 a.m., the Duchess suffering slight damage. They were awaiting a full report from the ship at that time.

It was later revealed that the Haruna Maru was steaming from westward just before the accident. She swung between naval buoys 3 and 4, in mid-harbour, dropped her anchor and turned on it. Then, weighing anchor, she apparently came down-tide and struck Duchess.

It is officially stated that the damage to the warship is only superficial.

## DARING THEFT FROM MOTOR

Walking up to a car parked at Ice House Street, Chan Shu, 31, unemployed, stole a leather suitcase containing clothing and valuables worth \$240, the property of Mr. R. W. Ashby.

Chan appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with the theft. He admitted the offence. Det. Sergeant Soutar, the prosecuting officer, said defendant was questioned by a private watchman and said that the suitcase belonged to a relative of his.

He agreed to take the watchman to Hollywood Road, where he said his relative could be found, but on their way broke loose and attempted to abscond. He was arrested after a chase.

Two months' imprisonment was inflicted.

## SIX-MONTH TERM FOR SNATCHER OF EVIL REPUTE

With a record of 10 previous convictions and still under police supervision, Ho Tung, 26, unemployed, appeared before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the theft of a purse containing \$3.05 from a sister, Ho Fung-wai, at Queen's Road West near Bonham Strand West yesterday.

Inspector W. Mair said that after identifying the purse, defendant passed it to a companion who appeared with it. Five of defendant's previous convictions were for larceny from the person.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed.

## H.K. BREWERY STARTS ACTION

At the Central Magistracy this morning the Hongkong Brewery and Distillery Ltd., brought summons against the Tsuen Yat Company, No. 7-9 Belchers Street, Kennedy Town, the Wo Cheong firm, No. 49 Hennessy Road, and the Tung On Loong firm, No. 28 Queen's Street, alleging that on divers dates they had in their possession for the purpose of trade, goods, namely bottles containing soy to which a false description, the name of the Hongkong Brewers and Distillers, had been applied.

Mr. R. H. Butters adjourned the summons to the afternoon of March 15. It is understood that Mr. D. B. Evans is prosecuting.

## SERVANTS CAUGHT GAMBLING

A gambling school in the basement of No. 4 Stanley Terrace, Talook, was raided by the police yesterday, and resulted in the appearance of two men, Lo Yau, 45, gardener, and Chan Shiu-lun, 25, unemployed, before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with being the keepers. They were each fined \$10 on pleading guilty.

Seven other men were charged with gambling, but only two appeared in Court and were fined \$2 each. The others each forfeited \$3 bail. The Inspector A. Wright said that fantan was being played and a sum of \$0.41 was seized. The gamblers were mainly servants employed in Stanley Terrace. The money seized was ordered to be given to the Court Poor Box.

## SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL MEETING TO-MORROW

There will be a Memorial meeting to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen at the King's Theatre on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., to-morrow being the 10th anniversary of the death of the founder and first President of the Chinese Republic.

## One Dead In Week Of Road Mishaps

There were 64 traffic accidents in the Colony of Hongkong during the week ending March 5, resulting in one person being killed and 31 injured.

The person killed was a Chinese male aged 30, who received injuries while alighting from a moving motor bus.

Of the persons injured, 18 were pedestrians who were either walking or running across the road and were struck down by vehicles.

Two bus passengers and three tram passengers were injured while alighting from moving conveyances.

Two bicycle riders and two earth truck coolies were injured as a result of collisions between vehicles.

One private car passenger was injured when a vehicle collided with the embankment of a road.

A driver and two passengers of a motor lorry were injured when their vehicle ran into a nullah wall.

Of the 64 accidents, 23 were collisions between vehicles; 20 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; and 15 accidents were due to other causes.

## EUROPEANS IN TRAFFIC COURT

Lieut.-Commander R. R. Helbert, of H.M.S. Tamar, was fined \$5 by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning for leaving his motor car unattended in Theatre Lane on February 20.

Mr. W. Stoker, of Stubbs Road, was also fined \$5 for parking his motor car beyond the time limit of two hours in Connaught Road Central.

For causing an obstruction with his car in Queen's Road Central on February 16, Mr. J. Wilson Cheong was fined \$5. Traffic Sergeant A. Bethel said that the car was left outside the Dairy Farm and was obstructing buses.

Appearing on two summonses for driving cars at a dangerous speed on February 17 and February 25, Lau Cheong was fined a total of \$20. Traffic Sergeant G. Youc said both instances occurred in Queen's Road East within the controlled area.

A lorry driver, Ng Por, was fined \$10 on a summons for overloading his vehicle on February 20, and another \$8 for having an excess number of passengers. Traffic Sergeant Morris said that the lorry was 77 cwt. in excess and defendant had 18 passengers on the lorry in the second instance.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

A fair amount of business was reported during the day, holders becoming somewhat more accommodating, but on the whole rates remained generally steady. Transactions were registered in Banks at \$1,000, Unions \$535/40, Underwriters \$2,20/25. Lands at the improved rate of \$30 1/2, Ferries \$83 1/2/04, Yuamui Ferries \$27 1/2, Electric \$02; Sandakan Lights fell away to \$13 1/2, and Marsman H.K. to 4/- at which prices shares changed hands.

Manila market remains very uncertain.

Buyers

Union Insurance \$2.15

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H.K. & W. Docks \$1.40

H.K. & S. Hotels \$1.10

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H.K. Ferries \$83 1/2

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Telephones (Old) \$27.30 x.d.

Cement \$18.20

Watsons \$2.50

Constructions \$1 1/2

Wallace-Harper \$0.10

Canton Insurance \$2.75

Union Insurance \$2.15

H.K. Fire Insurance \$247 1/2

Providents (Old) \$1.55

Sandakan Lights \$13 1/2

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Sandakan Lights \$13 1/2

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H.K. Ferries \$83 1/2

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Yuamui Ferries \$27 1/2

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Telephones (Old) \$27.30 x.d.

Cement \$18.20

Watsons \$2.50

Constructions \$1 1/2

Wallace-Harper \$0.10

Canton Insurance \$2.



# FIRST EXTRA RACE MEET FIXED FOR TO-MORROW

## IN REALITY A CONTINUATION OF CARNIVAL

### NINE EVENTS ARRANGED IN DAY'S PROGRAMME

(By "Captain Foster")

Although it is officially called the First Extra the race Meeting which will be held to-morrow at Happy Valley is in reality a continuation of the Annual Carnival; for there are a few open races confined to Australian and China ponies that started at the Annual Race Meeting and did not win. However, after to-morrow's racing, the classification sub-committee will assemble some time next week for a new ranking list and it looks that they will have a hard job over the Australian subscription griffins of this season. Owners are reminded that no pony will be classified within 48 hours of the time fixed for closing the entries for any Race Meeting.

The three important classic events, the Valley Stakes, the Hongkong Derby and the Rooley-Hill Derby have come and gone. Although the Valley Stakes were quite comfortably Desert Star was not the best of the China ponies, subscription griffins of this season; still with the exception of a few stragglers, the rest of the batch are, in my estimation, common cargo. It is a long stretch to the Annual Carnival of 1939, but it is to be sincerely hoped that the Russian suppliers will send along next year a better class of animals.

It will be recalled that 31 sub-griffins were actually drawn for on November 25, and it is interesting to relate that the Nil Desperandum Stakes attracted no fewer than 73 entries—the biggest for sub-races. This was extremely good on the surface, the fact being the late arrival of the consignment and owners had no other alternative, but to be liberal in their entries. There were, however, 60 starters and many of them appeared only once or twice during the five days of racing. Out of this, 20 runners made their acquaintance with the judges and the remaining 40 were among the "Also Rans."

Spotting the winner was difficult on the first day, but after that, the picking was as easy as drinking water and this naturally kept the dividends down, which we were not accustomed to see in the subscription griffins' races. We all know that the Tytam Handicap is the first test of the official handicapper's distribution of the lead, but it has been entered. They will be divided into two sections and this has certainly not been a good response.

#### SILKYLIGHT TO START

We will have to exercise patience for another ten months or so before we can start discussing the prospects of the 1939 Blue Ribband. Meanwhile let us concentrate on the extra flat racings under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club and I am glad to say that this year's Derby winner, Silky Light, is definitely starting to-morrow in the Hongkong Handicap, in which event he has been assigned to "A" division. The mount, I understand, has been entrusted to Mr. B. L. Tao, but the Shanghai entry has caused the weight controller to frame two allotments of the poundage and no doubt this was done in fairness to other starters should Silky Light refuse to accept.

Tornado Star was undoubtedly the best of the Australian subscription griffins of this season, but the

running of Little Audrey, who finished fourth in the Rooley-Hill Derby, was a terrible disappointment to her admirers. It may not be known that all the three placed cobs, Tornado Star, Annabella and Murray River, in the Australian Blue Ribband were chestnut mares, a rare coincidence. While on the subject, the Australian ponies of this season were far below the usual standard and with the exception of half-a-dozen animals, all others were ordinary hacks. As an instance, the running of Lancashire Lad, who finished first in the Perth Plate (first section) over a mile on February 24, 1936, was timed in 1.51.2/5 on a heavy course whereas last year Llanarmon with a jockey allowance of 5 lbs. won the same race in 1.53.1/5 on a good track.

The absence of several Shanghai crack jockeys, who have gone back to the north, will be much felt, but it is learned that there is a possibility of Messrs. Encarnacion and Pote-Hunt returning to the Colony in the near future. It is to be hoped that the presence of Northern jockeys at our Annual Carnival has been the medium of some good riding lessons to our novices. Mr. Encarnacion is to be congratulated on heading the list of jockeys, but after all Hongkong has not done too badly, for our Mr. S. W. Tang was fourth with five wins, two seconds and four thirds to his credit. Mr. H. P. Chanson, who does not require any introduction, will be seen riding the saddle and whatever his mount is going to be, is worth following up, for the jockey has made some wonderful strides in his riding. Messrs. Needa and Raymond will be riding to-morrow.

#### OPENING RACE

#### Some Fast Ones In Hay And Corn Stakes

The meet will open to-morrow with a sprint from the 1/4 mile post (about five furlongs) and the Hay and Corn Stakes is for sub-griffins of this club of any season that have started at the big meeting and have not won. There are several speedy merchants among the list of entries, the best being Anax, Coronation Day, Gold Sovereign, Mac's Adventure, Tabby Cat and Yum Sing. After her fine show in the Royal Navy Cup and her subsequent outing in the Northern Stakes, it looks a good thing for Coronation Day, but the real danger is Gold Sovereign and Tabby Cat. Mac's Adventure and Yum Sing are not bad for big money.

#### Oxford's Boat Race Crew Chosen

London, Feb. 28. Oxford will be represented by the following in the Boat Race, barring accidents: Garton (Eton), (bow), Young (Westminster), Steward (Eton), Forbes (St. Paul's), Burrow (St. Edward's), Waldron (Shrewsbury), Cherry (Westminster), Hodgson (Eton) (stroke) and Merfield (King Edward's School) (coxswain).

Garton, Young, Forbes and Waldron are new Blues.—*Reuter.*

#### POOR ENTRIES RECEIVED

#### Race Confined To Derby Griffins

Very poor entries—in fact only five ponies—have been received for the Lollers Stakes over seven furlongs confined to Derby griffins, and the race is to be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races any where at any time. Humdrum Eve is a puller, but I understand that the chestnut gelding is not hard to handle and with a little of luck the rider should score his first win for Sir Victor Sassoon. Lancashire Lass and Handicap Eve should fill the lower positions in the frame.

#### GLADIATOR TO BEAT OAK BAY

#### Absence Of Mr. Davis May Make Difference

We should see a good race between Lady Northcote's Gladiator and Mrs. Stanton's Oak Bay in the "All Out" Stakes over six furlongs. Oak Bay has lost his usual skip, Mr. Davis, who has been in hospital since his nasty accident and in the circumstances I much prefer Lady Northcote's candidate. It will be remembered that Gladiator ran a good race behind the 1933 Derby winner, Trentbridge, in the Consolation Stakes and he went down by only three-quarters of a length. Soldier of Britain has lost some of his prowess, but this Tommy is not a bad bet as an outsider.

#### RANDWICK PLATE

#### Mile For Non-Winning Australian Ponies

After running to a third place in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (first section) Lucky Lad pulled up lame but if he is sound now, this chestnut gelding from the Lucky stable, should run away with the Randwick Plate over a mile for non-winning Australian ponies of this season. Chief opposition will be Macquarie River, who finished behind the winner, Annabella, in the Perth Plate (first section) but Colorado Star may spring a surprise.



Picture shows the late Mr. H. Lloyd Thomas, British Minister Plenipotentiary in Paris, riding his horse, Royal Mail, last year's winner and this year's favourite in the Grand National, in the Clontarf Steeplechase at Lingfield last month. He finished fourth. A cable sent out from London yesterday states that Royal Mail will shortly be auctioned without reserve, probably at Hurst Park on Saturday. Mr. Thomas was killed recently while riding his famous horse.

#### Louis XIV To Have A Big Test

#### Many Rivals In Tytam Handicap

Louis XIV holds the post of honour in the Tytam Handicap "A" division over a mile, it being the first important handicap race among the China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, after the Annual Carnival and the first leg of the daily double is on this event. Louis XIV has been set to shoulder the limit load of 108 lbs. and the chestnut gelding, belonging to Mr. S. W. Tang, who is going to ride himself, has a big task before him. For the last few years all the champion sub-griffins of the season met their "Waterloo" in the Tytam Handicap and it is to be hoped that Louis XIV will get the better of the weight adjuster. In 1936 Rose Evelyn had a low low will cut by a neck while last year Gordito was outwitted by Pagan Love by a short head. I don't like the idea of Louis XIV having to concede over a stone to All Baba, Borzochito, Golden Cow, Salvage Master, and The Leopard and it looks that the winner should be among this lot. The Governor's Cup over a mile was won by Smiling Thru in very good time, namely 2.04.4/5 with Golden Cow and Salvage Master following in the rear and it is on the strength of this run, though I may be wrong, that the adjustment of the poundage seems to be in favour of the low weighters. Planchet has been running inconsistently in his training and furthermore I dislike a pony masquerading in a hood. Much confidence cannot therefore be placed on a pony running with a mask, but be careful with this clinker, for one never knows when he is going to turn up. Planchet is in receipt of 20 lbs. from Louis XIV and that alone should be a recommendation for anyone who is out for a long shot.

#### SILKYLIGHT BARRED FROM THE BETTING?

#### Almost Sure To Run In H.K. Handicap

The Derby winner and the champion pony, Silky Light, has been asked to give ten pounds to Desert Chief and King's Warden in the Hongkong Handicap "A" division over a distance run of 1 1/4 miles and, judging by his brilliant win over Liberty Bay, Mr. Moller's candidate should have no difficulty in crossing over the wire first in the major contest. We all know that Liberty Bay could in his prime give two stones to any China pony but under the circumstances I cannot see anything to beat Silky Light. The club's handicapper has ranked Desert Chief and King's Warden on the same level, each carrying 158 lbs. and no doubt all eyes will be focussed on the running of these two steeds. There is good reason to believe that Silky Light will be barred from betting and I would not venture an opinion which is a better pony between Desert Chief and King's Warden? The former is certainly a first class animal, but the latter is not as yet on the wane. Taking everything in the balance, Desert Chief is much younger and should not be a bad speculation for a five dollar bill each way.

#### SECOND LEG OF DAILY DOUBLE

#### Charybdis May Do The Trick

The second leg of the daily double will be on the "B" division of the Tytam Handicap and we have a list of 18 entries of this year's subscription griffins to consider the other half of the combination. All the ponies in this section have not been placed during the five days of racing and (Continued on Page 9.)

#### Badminton Championship Programme

#### Dates Announced For Concluding Matches

Arrangements have been made for the Colony Badminton Championships to conclude by Friday, March 25.

The semi-final matches will be played next week at Talkoo, the singles on Monday, March 14; the men's doubles on Wednesday, March 16; and the mixed doubles on Friday, March 18.

The final of the singles will be decided at Talkoo on Wednesday, March 23. An exhibition match will also be included in the programme.

The finals of the men's and mixed doubles will be played at the Club de Recreio on Friday, March 25, which will also be the Presentation Night. An exhibition will be played in addition to the finals.

Admission fee to the final of the singles at Talkoo will be 20 cents, and to the doubles finals at the Club de Recreio on March 25, 50 cents.

Attractive programmes have been drawn up for each night and the badminton promises to be more than ordinarily interesting.

#### TRIPLE TIE

In view of the fact that many members of the University "A" Recreation "A" and Chinese Y.M.C.A. the three teams in the triple tie in the "A" Division of the League, will be playing in the remaining matches of the Colony Badminton Championships, the play-off is not likely to be played before March 25 unless private arrangements can be made by the three clubs themselves.

#### COLONY TENNIS TITLES

#### Tourney To Resume If Conditions Allow

Weather and ground conditions permitting, the Colony Tennis Championships at the Hongkong Cricket Club will be continued today. At the time of writing, the ground is still rather wet and prospects of play are not bright.

If play is possible, the programme is as follows:

#### OPENING SINGLES

Tsui Wai-pui v. A. Chan.  
S. A. Runjahn v. W. A. Land.

#### OPEN DOUBLES

F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v. Capt. L. J. C. Loch and J. M. Tomlinson.

J. W. Leonard and G. Choa v. A. Crawford and G. C. Burnett.  
A. V. Gosono and A. V. Remedios v. H. A. Barros and J. Goncalves.

#### CLUB SINGLES

J. A. H. Douglas v. W. Sander.  
G. W. Sewell v. R. M. M. King.

#### CLUB DOUBLES

L. R. Andrews and E. H. Williams v. A. T. Dow and H. D. Bidwell.  
J. J. Ferguson and J. M. Wilson v. W. Wooding and E. Laidlaw.

#### RUGGER FIXTURES AT HOME

Two non-championship county rugby fixtures were played today. At Bridgwater, Middlesex defeated Somerset by 20-10 and at Falmouth, Cornwall beat Kent by 10-8. A 12-a-Rugby Union match, North Devon defeated Dorset by 11-0. *Reuter.*

#### Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

## Vital League Matches For Week-End

### Championships May Be Decided To-morrow

The remaining Senior League last Saturday was one which had no bearing on the shield result, as neither the Civil Service nor the Navy are in the running. But for Whitmarsh, who knocked up a stout 96 before being bowled by Perry, the Navy would have made a sorry mess of it.

Only Nave and Paxton got double figure besides, but, as it was, they declared at 149 for 8 wickets. Hawkins sadly needs another good bowler, as Baker, Perry and McLellan are over-worked and the former two are very much alike. A sound left hander would help a lot. The Civil Service failed to get the runs as they found it difficult to score off both Paxton and Carless, and could do no better than 122 for 7 when the close of play supervened.

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE GAMES

I never had any reasonable doubt that Craigengower would beat the Recreio second eleven and so it proved. The Recreio could only get 59 of which L. C. Gosano had 37—(I see there were three Gosanos playing in the second and two in the first Recreio team, which is a bit hard on a poor cricket scribe!)—and remained undefeated at the close. The only other double figure scores were Carvalho (16) and Mr. Extras (13). Craigengower got the runs easily enough for five wickets. This victory puts them level with the Navy and I shall discuss their chances later in this article.

#### UNIVERSITY'S GALLANT FIGHT

Undeterred by the large score of 192 for 5 declared put up by the Club, the University tackled their job so stoutly that they might conceivably have won had there been more time, though I rather doubt it. They owe very much indeed this year to the first pair—Tsui (80) and Fong (50) and in this game they had put up over a hundred for the first wicket. Woodhouse had rather a day out as he got five wickets for 60 in 17 overs. I don't know why he was only third change—personally I should open with him. Possibly, however the fact that he had already made 59 not out had something to do with it. Stokes made 54 and Peterson 20 for the Club who are battling very much more stoutly now.

The Civil Service, now Daniels has been required by the first eleven, have rather relapsed in their batting but in any case they were up against some good bowling by the Police who have a very useful side this year. Carey (60) and Pope (30) were their principal scorers in 189 for eight wickets declared. The Civil Service made only 67, of which MacGowan had twenty seven.

Army "B," like the first eleven, were one man short and got badly

beaten by K.C.C. I see Sargent has been promoted to first wicket and he got 26. The bowling figures are curious but I take it that Coombes bowled very steadily—his figures were 10-2-26-5—and that most of the runs came off the other bowlers. The Army batting—they had lost Corporal Webb to the first—just wasn't there and Sargent proceeded to diddle them out with his leg breaks—10-2-14-7! A pretty useful bag!

#### INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT

I was most interested to see the names of the English selection Committee. Plum Warner is there as usual and Percy Perrin. But it is interesting to note that they have included two youngish players, who are both—or were—county players. A. B. Sellers of Yorkshire and M. J. Turnbull of Glamorgan. This should keep the balance pretty true between the d.y.f. and the s.o.b. element. Of course whatever they do there will be the usual howl of execration. I cannot clearly remember whether it was so forty years ago when I began to take a very keen interest in county cricket (especially Hampshire) but now at any rate people are amazingly partisan and the fact that a player comes from their pet county makes lots of people dogmatic about his claims to represent England whereas, as a matter of fact they are no judges of the game and have never even seen the other candidates playing. You have only to mention the name of Gover or Copson and you have a mass of positive asseveration as to their undoubted right to be picked. The same applies to a lot of other cricketers—and I sometime wonder if it is very good for a coming man to get a collection of fans that would not demur at a minor film star. Talking of selectors the Australian gentlemen seem to be getting it in the neck over Grimmett, Oldfield and Gregory. I cannot help thinking, however, that there must have been very good reasons for the omissions. Is it not possible we are judging Grimmett too much on his work when he was last in England? Age will tell!

#### TO-MORROW'S GAMES

The games in the first division of the League are of the greatest interest to-morrow. Of the two key ones, one is the match between (Continued on Page 9.)

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## STARTING TIMES ANNOUNCED

Golf At Fanling On Sunday

### OLD COURSE

- 9.12 K. K. Rounds, S. H. Dodwell.  
9.16 K. S. Morrison, J. A. D. Morrison.  
9.20 H. S. Jones, E. L. Groome.  
9.24 G. F. Rees, N. Garland.  
9.28 A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Collis.  
9.32 Wing Cdr. Bishop, Count de Courseilles.  
9.36 W. A. Mackinlay, J. P. Murphy.  
9.40 A. D. Humphreys, A. Sommerfeldt.  
9.44 R. K. Valentine, J. H. M. Anderson.  
9.48 W. A. Weight, C. C. Willson.  
9.52 W. Hewitt, J. W. Mayhew.  
9.56 E. Laidlaw, F. C. Young.  
10.00 G. C. Worrall, L. M. S. Lloyd.  
10.04 P. H. Scoones, D. S. Robb.  
10.08 N. K. Littlejohn, H. N. Williamson.  
10.12 I. P. Tamworth, A. M. Mack.  
10.16 V. R. Gordon, A. H. Penn.  
10.20 J. S. Dunnett, J. L. C. Pearce.  
10.24 I. H. Genn, D. J. Gilmore.  
10.28 J. B. H. Leckie, E. T. McMullen.  
10.32 R. Nelson, R. G. Gray.  
10.36 T. R. Chasels, A. B. Purvis.  
10.40 J. A. R. Selby, H. H. Mundy.  
10.44 J. C. FitzHenry, L. Blair.  
10.48 J. H. Underwood, P. B. Havens.  
10.52 R. H. Gregory, R. Young.  
10.56 J. B. Martin, M. G. Carruthers.  
11.00 Col. Gowland, A. H. Forbes.  
11.04 B. D. Evans, D. D. Forbes.  
11.08 E. R. Cramer, D. Humphreys.  
11.12 C. E. C. Marton, R. Stock.  
11.16 Col. Bink, J. B. Mackie.

### NEW COURSE

- 9.20 W. W. C. Shewan, D. S. Edwards.  
9.24 W. A. A. & Mrs. Smalley.  
9.28 A. V. & Mrs. Graves.  
10.00 H. & Mrs. Overy.  
10.10 Capt. Holmes, W. Woodward.  
11.00 Mrs. Gowland, Mrs. Forbes.

## SPORT ADVTs.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 12th March, 1938, commencing at 2.00 p.m.  
The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, &c.  
The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12.15 p.m.  
Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box in advance. Telephone 21920.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

## VITAL CRICKET MATCHES

(By "R. Abbl")

(Continued from Page 8.)

Craigengower (at home) and the Hongkong Cricket Club. While Craigengower have out their strongest team the H.K.C.C. have, I regret to notice, a very weak one. John Pearce is not playing nor is his brother Alec who, I believe, is indulging in the pastime of Association Football. The Club are not of course in the running for the Shield but it does seem a great pity that they are turning out a weak side when the match matters to other people, if it does not to them. The other game is between the I.R.C. and the K.C.C. I do not myself believe that the K.C.C. can do more than draw this game, and that is what I feel about the Hongkong Cricket Club. The best either side can hope to do is to draw. However, cricket is a funny game and anything may happen. Of course, a great deal will depend on the weather. It has been so horrible for the last week or two that one is tempted to believe that it must get better in the future, but in any case I cannot see a good fast wicket. A great deal may depend on whether there is a decent light or not. There is little to choose between the Sookunpoo ground and the Craigengower ground as regards the light. The minor interest is the game between the Army and the Civil Service. If the Army turn out the side that was printed in the papers last Tuesday I think they ought to win, but if they turn out the skeleton side that they had against Craigengower I am not so sure. It must appear very clearly from what is happening now, that the winners of the Shield are not necessarily the best side in the Colony, because they may have met a team when it has been very weak whilst their opponents have met it when it has been very strong. As for the Navy and Recreation game at King's Park, there should be quite a good match but I think a great deal depends on whether E. L. Gosano comes off or not and Whitmarsh too for that matter.

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE GAMES

The two games which carry the whole Shield interest in the Junior League are those between the Navy and University at Pokfulam and between Craigengower and Hongkong Club on the Club ground. At present the two teams are level. The University have been doing quite well lately though I confess I am in some doubt of their soundness as they seem to depend so much on their first two batsmen. The Navy, I know, have not got all the players they would like to put out but this applies to them so very often. I somehow feel sure that there will be a decision one way or the other, but which way it will go I frankly have no idea. As regards the Craigengower and Club game, these are two sides who have done quite



Allan Jones and Jeanette MacDonald in "The Firefly," now showing at the King's Theatre.

### Tennis Programme Postponed

An examination of the courts this afternoon proved that the Hongkong C.C. ground would not be in a fit state for tennis to-day, and consequently the programme of matches in the Colony Championship has been postponed.

well, though I could not have said this about the Club a bit earlier. It seems to have pulled themselves together and generally speaking a draw would seem to be the most likely result. I see, however, that the Club have not got Wodehouse playing for them and this will I think weaken them a great deal. So far as I can see Craigengower are at full strength. Stoker also is not playing for the Club and, like the first eleven, it would be a very nice team if they had a bit of bowling. Without it I don't see how they can hope to do much more than draw, but for the cussedness of the game. Other matches are, I believe, a game between the K.C.C. second eleven and the Police, and one between the Recreation and the I.R.C. second at King's Park. Both these were League engagements on February 19. The Civil Service possible have a friendly with the D.B.S. at Happy Valley if that has been postponed with the last of the matches.

#### AN INTERESTING DAY

On the whole the cricket to-morrow should be most interesting though it is extremely difficult to arrange to watch both the matches at Craigengower and Sookunpoo in the Senior Division, and also those at Pokfulam and H.K.C.C. in the second. Personally I hope to get friends to do it for me with the exception of the Club-Craigengower match at the Valley.

## Army Boxing To Commence Shortly

To Be Held At Murray Barracks

The Hongkong Area Army Boxing Championships will commence on March 24, and will be held at Murray Barracks. The public will be admitted to all finals, tickets for which will cost \$1 per night or \$3 for all four finals. These are obtainable from Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co. (Tel. 20527), and as the number of seats is limited early booking is advisable.

The following is the programme, and boxing will commence each evening at 8 p.m.:

Inter-Unit Novices Competition Final, March 24 (if wet on March 25).

Novices Individual Championships.—Preliminary Rounds, March 28 and 29 (if wet on March 29 and 30). Finals on March 31 (if wet on April 1).

Inter-Unit Open Championships.—Final on April 19 (if wet on April 20).

Individual Open Championships.—Preliminary Rounds on April 20 and 27 (if wet on April 27 and 28). Finals on April 29 (if wet on April 30).

### CAER CLARK CUP HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent St. Andrew's in the Caer Clark match against the "Y" on the C.B.A. ground to-morrow at 3 p.m.: J. Hall; G. White, J. Broadbridge; P. Lawson, J. Wong, H. Reid; F. Wong, E. Churn, P. Gittins, S. Roberts and D. Drew.

### MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

	Business Done	Prices in Pesos
Antamok	52	
Atok	52	
Barua Gold	20	
Benguet Consolidated	0.70	
Coco Grove	32	
Consolidated Mines	Unq.	
Demonstration	30 1/2	
I.T.C.	71	
Paraclete Guinea	Unq.	
San Maurice	49 1/2	
Sayoc	17	
United Paraclete	41	
The tone of the market	—Easy.	

drawn 12 entries, the best being Blandford, Home Brew, Lancashire Chips and Ranger. I fancy Lancashire Chips and this chestnut gelding will be wearing the new silk of Mrs. J. H. Taggart who is making her debut as a lady owner.

## WEEKLY RACING NOTES BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

(Continued from Page 8.)

spotting the winner is very open. On the strength of training times, Charybdis, Easy Time, Jack High, Labour Day and Sahara Star are strongly recommended, giving preference to the first named pony.

### CLOSE FINISH ASSURED

Many Good Ponies In "B" Division

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# Twilight of a War God

**SIR JOHN FALSTAFF** might well ask "What is this honour?" The soldier who was for long accounted Germany's foremost Commander of the Great War recently died, and already the military experts are busily picking the bones of his once tremendous reputation. The case of General Ludendorff might, one would imagine, stand as a warning to all military aspirants to fame.

There was a time, after his brilliant successes as old Hindenburg's Chief of Staff against the Russian steam-roller, when Ludendorff's name was a sacred household word in Germany. Everything favoured that popular apothecary, the first grand thrust by the fresh German legions in the West was checked at the Marne, and the Russians were swarming over the Eastern frontier so formidably, that panic-stricken refugees were spreading dismay even in Berlin, it was Ludendorff, who laid the denburg's lieutenant, who laid the spectre of invasion.

But there has been a less agitated weighing of the historical facts. It is now known that, apart from the wretchedly equipped and inadequately supplied state of the Russian front troops, most of the brilliant tactics at Tannenberg, and at the later battle of the Marshes were not Ludendorff's at all, but the conception of quite another soldier, Colonel Hoffman.

## A Stroke of Luck

This is disputed by the Ludendorff disciples, but to more dispassionate students the facts appear against them. Nor is it in doubt that, but for General von Francois disobeying Ludendorff's definite orders, and delaying his attack until he had the whole of his available command at his disposal, the victory of Tannenberg would probably have been a fatal fiasco.

Perhaps the real responsibility for the German victories in the East, which exposed an abysmal steam-roller, was not due to any German Commander as much as to a Russian. The German militarists are still amazed at the good fortune which prevented Remenkampf, the famous Russian cavalry commander, from tackling the enemy whilst the Southern Russian Army under Samsonov was still in being.

By marking time with his Northern command, Remenkampf presented Hindenburg and his self-assured

## by "An Old Stager"

he violently bumped his head against the roof of his automobile when crossing a railway line. It seems a rather thin explanation of grotesquely puerile behaviour.

Ludendorff displayed in fortune's reverse none of the stolid dignity and brave fortitude of his old Commander, Hindenburg, who, according to the cynical axiom that victory derides the victor, made the most of his vision of his country in its hours of trial and tribulation. If there can be any quarrel as to whose were the finer military brains, there can be none as to which was the more splendid character.

Ludendorff in turn scolded like a disgruntled drill sergeant now this and now that public figure in post-war Germany. His egotism even resounded Christianly in favour of a positive revival of the ancient gods of heathenism. He tried to build his New Jerusalem of the shadowy wreckage of a caveman's nightmare.

Even from his associate Army admirers we get revealing glimpses of the real Ludendorff. To my mind they are not attractive. When he arrived with his famous Chief in Marienburg to take command against the Russian, old Hindenburg shook hands with every officer on the platform. Ludendorff barely touched his cap. At the ensuing military conference, "losing no time with courtesies, he shocked everybody by his rudeness, belittling out his views to senior officers in a way which left no doubt that they were orders and that he meant what he said."

## Supreme Egoist

This attack, it must be remembered, was delivered against a difficult front held in woefully inadequate strength by our devoted Fifth Army. Nor was that supreme effort in itself a masterpiece. The German advance exhausted itself against a stubborn defence, and the ensuing push failed completely to achieve anything except casualties which began the breakdown of the German military morale.

From that point onwards Foch utterly out-generaled Ludendorff, and the latter displayed, indeed, the worst kind of military mentality in withholding from his home Government the truth about the situation on the vital front until it was hopeless to attempt to make better terms than were eventually forthcoming from the all-conquering Allies. This was typical of Ludendorff's mentality, and it cost Germany more than words could tell.

When it was too late to negotiate, Ludendorff became panic-stricken, and his desperate appeals to his political chiefs to make peace at any price, and so save an open military debacle when it was too late to do so, mark the supreme egoist.

We know the sequel, and it was not romantic. Ludendorff fled to Sweden disguised as a civilian in false glasses. Nor is this the full tale of an exploded reputation. Ludendorff was for years before Der Tag on the General Operations Staff, these little blue shares the responsibility for Ludendorff's table, I should like to changes in the famous von Schlieffen strategic plan, long prepared by the German War Office, which very likely proved fatal to its success.

**Bump on the Head**

The story of Ludendorff's activities after the War is a pitiful one. One thing is clear, his apologetics in Germany equal I prefer the one who has stresses, as some explanation of his pleasant manners, and above all, conduct, the fact that in October 1918 does not get rattled at a crisis.

**Hindenburg's Calm**

This same German authority gives us another queer vignette. On the second critical day at Tannenberg, when the weak German centre threatened to give way, Ludendorff, extremely nervous and even explosive than usual, objected in rather violent language to one of his staff officers walking over to General von Scholtz's staff and talking there to a friend. "General von Scholtz's face went red with fury," what choleric fellows those Prussian military leaders are! "and he was about to protest, when the slow and deep voice of Hindenburg was heard to say: 'Muller, I wish you would pick Tag on the General Operations Staff, these little blue shares the responsibility for Ludendorff's table, I should like to changes in the famous von Schlieffen strategic plan, long prepared by the German War Office, which very likely proved fatal to its success.'

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## Chapter Four

Before she could keep her rendezvous with Major de Rougemont, Nina knew she should have the currier pigeons ready. If she could find out anything about Napoleon's designs on the Spanish king, it was an instant must be lost in rushing the news across the border.

## Chapter Four

In the picturesque little marketplace was the vendor whom she had been instructed to seek out. Moving between rows of donkeys, peeders, beggars and bright scarlet flowers, Nina made her way to his side. The word "Vittoria" brought a quick gleam of understanding. Quickly he passed over a pair of bright-eyed birds, while he whispered: "The King will reach Vittoria tonight."

Nina's pulse quickened. She had little time to lose. If Ferdinand was to be stopped from crossing the border, immediate evidence of treachery was necessary. In a few hours she hoped to know the truth.

As she crossed the square, passing a little hat stand, Nina saw a familiar figure outlined in the bright

rooms, he was all apologies. An emergency order had come through. He must set out for Spain at once. It was the center of the international conference they had mentioned before. And their tête-à-tête must be postponed a few days.

Nina, playing every move with masterful care, contrived to make him feel that she could not bear to leave. While he sent the orderly out for his despatches, she sat down at a table and began to hum a sentimental refrain. The Major, adjusting his dress uniform, was immensely flattered at thought of the conquest he had made.

Nina apparently absorbed in the halcyon mood of the song, was a tumult of excitement within. This was the crisis. Let him get away, without finding out just why Napoleon was sending him to King Ferdinand, all was lost.

As she finished singing, he stood over her, drawn by her loveliness. "You know so many provocative songs," he said.

"Do you like them?" she asked softly. "Like everything about you," the Major replied. "Your voice... your hair... your lips. All I can think of is that I want to take you in my arms."

"Then perhaps I'd better go," Nina said teasingly. The Major bent lower, speaking intimately softly. "If you know how I'd looked forward to this day, I thought... tomorrow she'll be here... in this room. We'll have luncheon together. We'll be alone."

"It would have been nice," Nina agreed. "It will be nice," he corrected her, passionately. "I hope so. But sometimes... when a mood is broken..."

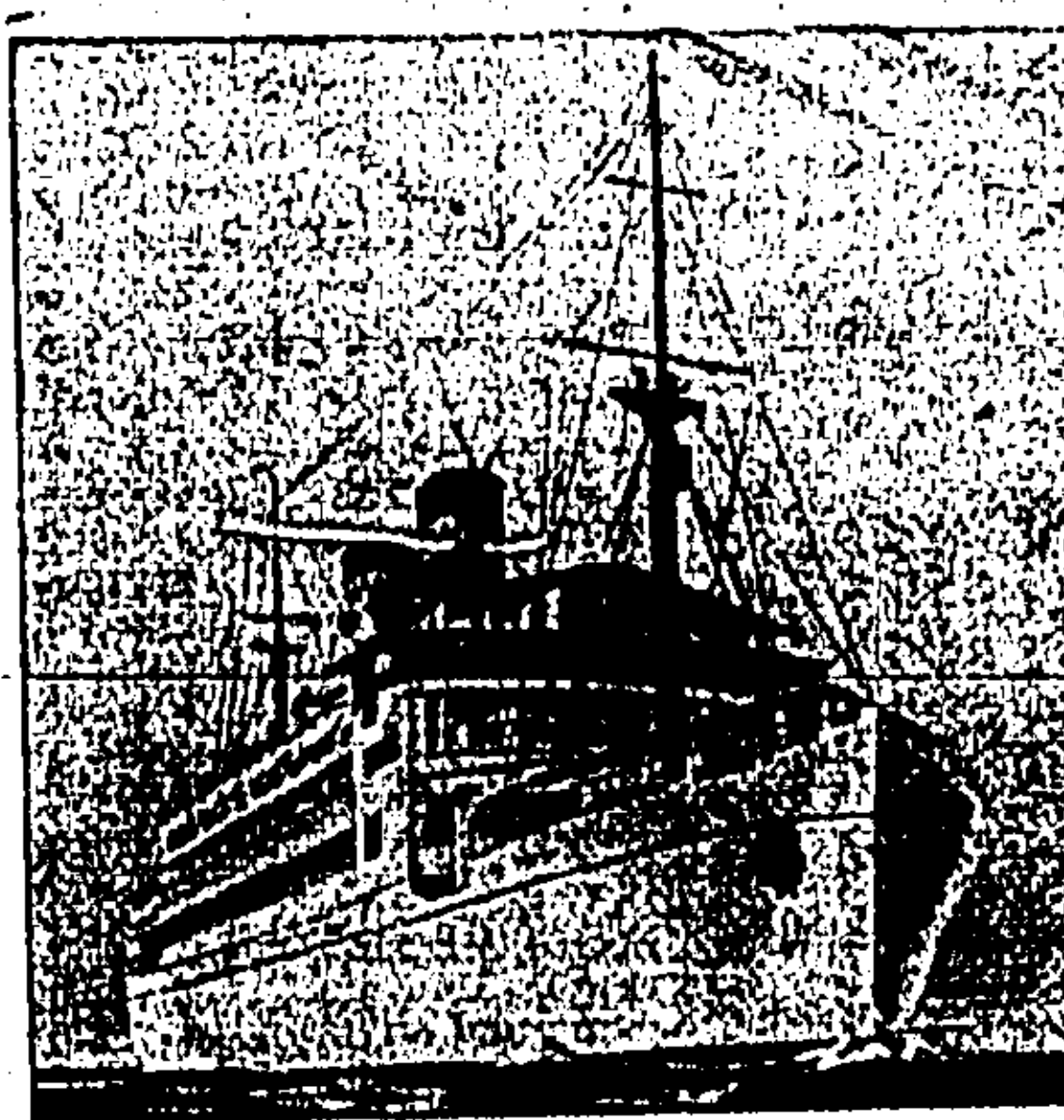
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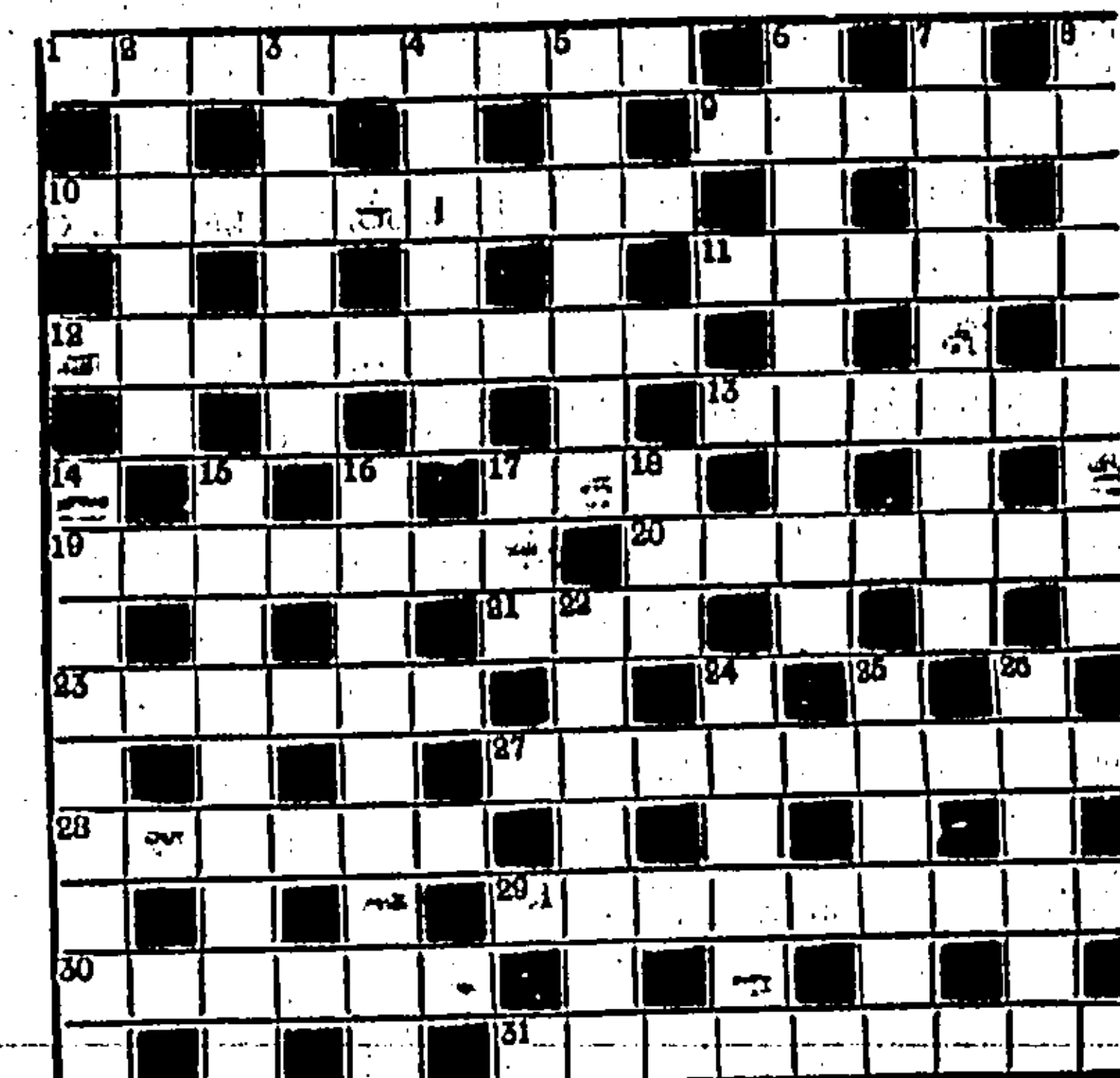
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- Asiatic bovine (3).
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- Thus to invest! Just suppose! (10).

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- Abominate nothing in a machine (6).
- This is enough to make one mad (6).
- Meteor that makes oil end (6).
- With a scented tree above it is all grand (7).
- Pleased with the illumination indeed (9).
- Epithet for the unexpected guest (9).

- This beginning of a meal would not have been approved of by the Puritans (9).
- A deputy from the wheelwright union perhaps (9).
- Not with full measure heaped up (9).
- Epithet for the work of collaborators in orchestration perhaps (9).
- A foolish animal when it follows a don (3).
- A northern seabird (3).
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Almost everything in a kitchen is a camera subject. The icebox and the china and aluminumware are a mine of still-life possibilities, and there are opportunities galore for "off-guard" pictures whenever a meal is being prepared.

The mixing of a cake can be a picture, if the big mixing bowl is snapped from a high angle with two hands busy with a spoon in the creamy batter. Mother breathlessly testing the cake with a broomstraw is an opportunity for a "candid" shot. There are pictures, general or close-up, when the cake is being iced. There is a splendid close-up in the cutting of the first slice, with the gleaming long-bladed knife going through the fluffy loaf.

A pile of shining pots and pans may make a splendid picture, if the photographer chooses a proper angle and works out a "dramatic" lighting. China, wet and glistening in a drain rack, is material for pictures. Even the dishpan, foamy with suds and two hands squeeze out the dishrag above it, is a picture opportunity.

The icebox yields eggs and vegetables that can be worked into interesting "still-life" studies. A series of "busy hands" pictures is well worth trying—hands peeling a potato, with a long curl of peel hanging; hands polishing silverware or drying glassware; hands turning a brown cake on a griddle or lifting a wafer out of the iron—hands doing a thousand and one things!

Picture-making in most kitchens is simple, because the room is usually

sunlight. Don Diego was still here and it was not by accident he had been waiting nearby. Nina hadn't the heart to pass by without some word of recognition. Despite the risk she paused, and smiled.

"Am I forgiven?" asked Don Diego, his own eyes twinkling in return.

"Yes, but I can't go you—until we return to Spain," said Nina.

For Don Diego, however, one word of encouragement was enough to get superhuman energies in motion. He refused to be sidetracked again, and taking Nina by the arm, started out to see some of the sights of Bayonne.

At last they reached the sloping banks of the stream which went through the city. Buying some chestnuts from a roving vendor, they began to feed them to the greedy ducks in a careless moment. Don Diego put out his hand too close to one of the latter, and pulled it away with a comic howl. Nina began to laugh at the expression on his face.

"Haven't you any heart?" he asked, in mock indignation. "Did it hurt?" asked Nina. "Of course it did. There's no feeling there at all."

Nina took his hand in hers, and began to rub the fingers. For once, feeling safe in their little retreat, she was thinking of the pleasure of the moment, and not of the patriotic mission that hung over her head.

"When you forget to be on guard," whispered Don Diego, "your eyes are not. You do love me a little, don't you?"

There was no need for Nina to answer. Her face told the story. Quickly Don Diego pressed her to him. He kissed her again and again. "Tell me that you love me," he demanded.

"I love you," she said, eyes half closed.

From overhead came the clumping sound of horses' hoofs. A cavalcade was passing. They looked up. It was Napoleon, the Emperor Josephine seated beside him. Beside the royal coach rode Major de Rougemont and a host of other aides.

Brought to her senses with a cruel jolt by sight of the ruler whom she felt to be her country's enemy, Nina leaped to her feet. It was almost noon. She must hurry. "I have an engagement," she cried out. "I'd almost forgotten."

"You can't run away now—"

There was a knock at the door. The Major looked up, annoyed. He frowned, knowing he must leave. The Major opened the door, revealing a young aide. In the aide's hand were two despatches. He saluted, presenting them to his superior. The Major accepted them rather reluctantly.

"Anything else sir?" the aide asked. "I hope so. Are they ready?" "They're coming up the street now, sir."

"Thank you," the aide bowed, and left. Slowly the Major closed the door. He turned to Nina. She had moved over beside the window, where his despatch case and hat lay on the table.

"That means you have to leave now," Nina asked. "Yes," the Major picked up his despatch case. Just as he was about to put the papers into it, Nina took it from him. To the Major, the gesture implied that she was reluctant to leave him start so soon.

"Let me do that," she suggested, engagingly. With a smile, he handed it to her. She stood in front of him so that his neck was to the light that streamed in from the window. Putting the strap of the despatch case over his head, she adjusted it on his shoulder, meantime smiling at him. He watched her, enthralled at her lovely nearness, as her arms went around his neck. Adjusting the case, she turned to put her feet in their proper place. Still smiling, she took them from him. He watched her adoringly, flattered by the attention. As she opened the case, she looked at them and made a wry face.

"Those things! I ought to hate them," she said naively. "They're the things that's really coming between us, aren't they?" She moved still closer to him, looking up into his face, her lips near his. Overwhelmed, oblivious for the moment of anything but her smiling and her tantalizing proximity, he held her close to him.

"Nothing can come between us," Nina, he whispered. "We'll be here together in this room, three days from now. Promise me that."

"I promise," Nina said softly.

He kissed her passionately. Nina's arms went around him. As he leaned down, kissing her again and again, she lifted the papers in her hand behind his back, holding them up against the strong light. From outside came the sound of horses' hooves as cobblestones as the Major's escort drew up before the house. Finally, Nina held the papers against the sunlight. "There's one of them she saw, all too clearly, the words: "Order of Arrest."

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The river at this sector is still frozen, and this is the first Japanese mention of a crossing. —Reuter.

### TUNGKUAN DEFENCES SHATTERED

Shanghai, Mar. 11. Domel's correspondent at Peiping reports that a Japanese spokesman said that Tungkuang was "under Japanese control", although Japanese troops had not yet crossed the Yellow River.

He said that the Chinese batteries at Tungkuang had been silenced and the defences shattered. He added that traffic on the Lungkuang railway had been suspended at Tungkuang where the Japanese artillery commands the line. —United Press.

### CHINESE RAID NANKING

Hankow, Mar. 11. More than 10 Japanese planes are believed to have been destroyed on the ground yesterday when a squadron of Chinese planes staged another raid on the Tachiao-chang airfield outside the Kwanghuamen Gate in Nanking.

The Chinese raiders caught the Japanese entirely unprepared. No attempt was made by the Japanese to fly off the 20 planes lined up on the aerodrome, and no anti-aircraft were fired. After emptying their bomb racks, the Chinese planes piloted their planes back to their base safely.

Another squadron of Chinese planes, meanwhile, flew to Pengpu, important railway town in Anhwei, with the mission of raiding the Japanese aerodrome there. But finding no planes on the aerodrome, they bombed instead a Japanese troop train near Linhwai-kuan station on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway south of the Hwai River. The damage is yet unknown. —Central News.

### 100,000 CHINESE CASUALTIES

Peiping, Mar. 11. Japanese official despatches from Shansi claim that during the operations in the southern half of Shansi in the past month, Chinese casualties were 100,000, while the Japanese added an area of roughly 200-square miles to their possessions. —Reuter.

### GUNFIRE AUDIBLE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Mar. 11. Gunfire presumably from Chinese guerrilla troops is reported to be frequently audible in the western outskirts of Shanghai.

At Pootung the Japanese, it is said, are strengthening their defence works as a precaution against Chinese guerrilla activities. —Central News.

### Reincarnated Dalai Lama Discovered

Chungking, Mar. 11. Reincarnation of the Dalai Lama, in the person of a four-year-old boy, has been discovered in an unnamed place in the Chinghai province on the north-east border of Tibet, according to the Chinese press.

Tibetans are making plans to welcome the new Lama at a cost of £25,000. —Reuter.

## DEFENCE WEAKNESS OF PHILIPPINES EXPOSED BY QUEZON

Washington, Mar. 10.

President Franklin Roosevelt has sent a letter to Congress concerning President Manuel Quezon's report on the Philippines. The transmission is a routine matter, and no comments have been added to the report.

President Quezon's report draws attention to the urgent necessity of agricultural diversification in view of the prospect of curtailment of the free entry of Philippine products to the United States. The report stated that the National Economic Council was studying the advisability of establishing industries "that will respond to the immediate needs of the people, especially those that produce necessities like food and clothing, which constitute the major importations of the Philippines. A census is now in process of being taken and it will provide much additional information upon which can be based economic planning. With the limited data and information at present to hand, only the main outlines of such a plan can be indicated."

President Quezon stated that there had been substantial increases in trade between the islands and overseas in 1937, and this indicated "general prosperity in the Philippines. He said that the financial condition of all the provinces, chartered cities, municipalities and municipal districts had also markedly improved."

### NATIONAL DEFENCE

The report drew particular attention to the national defence programme in which it was stated that plans were progressing in an "orderly and effective fashion," adding that national security was one of the most important problems facing the Commonwealth. "The defence function

is inherently one of the first responsibilities of a sovereignty, and presents, in the case of the Philippines, problems of unusual gravity. Not only is the matter of cost vital, but owing to our limited resources and lack of warships there cannot be said to have been developed any numerous professional class capable of undertaking the design and construction of suitable security organizations."

The letter said that the defence system took the form of the gradual building up of defence strength and the "focusing of defensive preparations by every individual towards his own home and family." The letter said that these preparations included the army, air corps, and an offshore patrol of small torpedo boats to "give a timely warning of approaching invaders."

Regarding judicial reform, the report said these were instituted "in order to make the judicial system truly independent, and thereby to enhance the confidence of the people in the judiciary." The report said that during the entire time covered by the report, the relations between the Commonwealth and the office of the United States Commissioner had been very cordial.

"Unprecedented activity in the mining industry had featured 1936, and as a result of this activity, the production of gold and other minerals was becoming one of the most important industries in the Philippines." —United Press.

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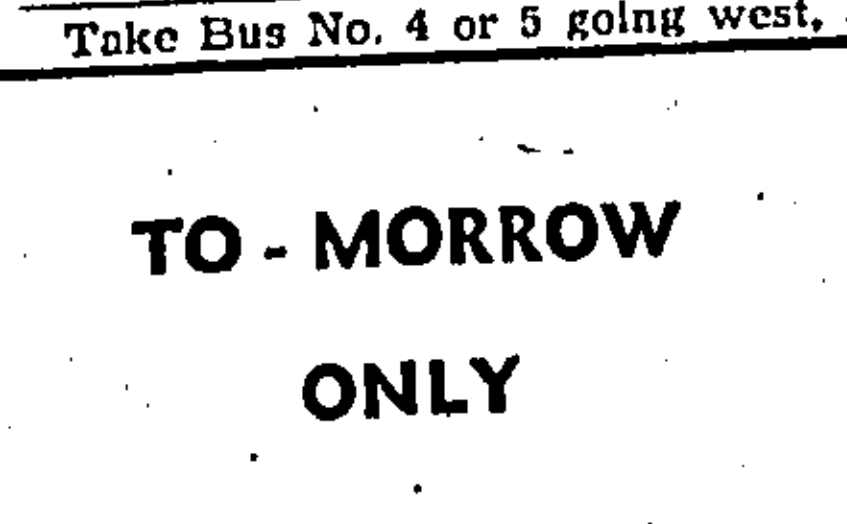
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At the beginning of this month Mr. Tang Tai-shi, Mayor of Canton and President of the Canton Relief Association, telegraphed to the Hongkong Students' Relief Association requesting it to raise funds for sending winter clothing to the troops.

Following a meeting of the local Association it was decided to hold the campaign from March 10 to 12 inclusive. It is possible it may be extended, for the response has been enthusiastic.

Washington, Mar. 10. The Department of Commerce states that Asiatic trade exports increased, while imports declined during January compared with the corresponding month in 1937.

Exports to Asia were U.S.\$50,908,000 compared with U.S.\$42,509,000. Exports to the Philippines were \$6,008,000 compared with \$5,064,000. To China they were \$3,277,000 compared with \$5,000,000, to Japan \$20,410,000 compared with \$22,333,000.

Imports were: From Asia \$53,682,000 compared with \$68,372,000. From the Philippines \$6,169,000 compared with \$6,260,000, from China \$3,878,000 compared with \$6,400,000, and from Japan \$11,496,000 compared with \$17,083,000. —United Press.

### HEROIN DIVAN KEEPER TAKEN

Leung Wong, unemployed, appeared before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the possession of 1,021 heroin pills at No. 17 Wellington Street. Revenue Officer J. L. Stephens said that the floor was a heroin divan, and quite large business was being done. Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

BUDGET DAY  
APRIL 26

London, Mar. 10. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the budget would be introduced to Parliament on April 26. —Reuter Bulletin.

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